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Lego-loving lad detained at mall

SECURITY

Store policy says under-12 kids must be with adults

Morgan Modjeski
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Doug Dunlop with 11-year-old son Tadhg, who he says was detained by mall security due to the fact he was too young to be in the Lego store alone. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Ages 12 and up?

A Calgary parent is upset after he says his son was detained at the Lego Store in Chinook Centre by mall security due to the fact he was under the age of 12.

Doug Dunlop said his 11-year-old son, Tadhg, frequents the Lego store, but notes this was the first time he's ever had an issue because of his age.

Lego officials said their store policy is for any person under the age of 12 to be accompanied by an adult.

Dunlop said the incident happened on Sunday and he has since written Lego a letter asking for an apology — and more importantly — an explanation.

"I'm going to pursue this up the Lego chain of command," he said.

"Really, if someone from the overall Lego group — someone in Lego corporate — was to contact me, I'm sure reason would prevail."

Dunlop alleges the manager of the store and a security guard questioned his parenting, but was later told by a Lego official the manager denied that claim and said the reason his son was held at the store was for child-safety reasons.

"I'm not down on Lego the toy at all," he said, noting his son is extremely passionate about playing with Lego, saying he was "shocked" as he's supplied his age before to store officials.

"He proudly supplied his age, because he thinks of himself as a Lego prodigy and he's certainly a very competent Lego player. He builds all sorts of things."

Dunlop wrote about the incident on his blog and said so far traffic around the post has been immense as it's already had 5,000 views, a number that continues to climb.

In a statement sent to Metro from Lego, the toy giant said it would stand behind its store manager.

"I can confirm that our Calgary store manager followed our company policy and contacted mall security," read the statement.

"As a toy company — our utmost concern is for children's safety and as such we have a policy in place regarding unaccompanied minors in our store," he said.

"As this customer was under the age of 12 and alone we followed our protocol and stand by our policy."

Staff at the store were unable to comment on the incident, but confirmed a sign has since been posted.

It reads: "To ensure that your child has a safe and enjoyable experience in our store, please don't leave them unattended."

While the experience has been unfortunate for both Doug and Tadhg, Doug said it won't impact his son's love of Lego.

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Reserve funds could spare big cuts, says CFO

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

If given provincial approval to dip into its rainy-day fund, Calgary's public school board says it will add more teachers to account for student growth this fall.

But the Calgary Board of Education is also anticipating greater changes in the years ahead if funding outlined in the 2015 provincial budget remains as is and doesn't increase to address incoming students.

Specialized programs offered in some schools that are not currently funded, including full-day kindergarten and extra years of support for English-language learners, appear to be the first places the board will look to save dough.

$18M

Uncertainty remains over whether the province will allow the CBE to use $18M in reserve funds to make up a funding shortfall

"Without money for enrolment growth, we need to look at all those programs," said Brad Grundy, the organization's chief financial officer. "We know they're important to people, but we're going to have to look at different ways of delivering them.

"Will it look different than today? I can almost guarantee yes," Grundy said. "What it will look like? I don't know."

Talk of the impending changes are outlined in the resource-allocation method booklet produced by the board and distributed to school principals to allow them to budget for their own facilities.

There are some changes that will take effect this fall, however.

Schools with less than 10 aboriginal students will no longer receive specialized funding and certain positions, including a high-school career practitioner role, will become optional.

Lois Robb, chairwoman of the board's staff association, which represents thousands of school support workers, said as well there will be a $13-million reduction to departmental spending affecting everything from information technology services to finance workers, legal assistance and more.

"This is where the rubber is meeting the road," she said. "We have a few years of cuts and now the cracks are really going to show."

She added, "I just don't think CBE and its employees are going to be able to give the service that's been given the past number of years."

Student growth will be accounted for in the Calgary Board of Education's 2015-16 budget — if the board is allowed to use its reserve fund. METRO FILE

But Grundy said a decision by the organization's board of trustees to pull $18 million from a reserve fund will limit impacts for students.

Public schools will see per-student funding grow at all levels to cover the cost of a raise for teachers and it's believed new positions will be added to help with accommodating an additional 2,500 students anticipated to flock into the system this fall.

For example, schools with kids in grades four to six will receive $4,068.21 per head in 2015-16, up from $3,958.64 for the current school year.

But uncertainty remains over whether the provincial government will allow the reserve funds to be used to counter a majority of the board's $30-million shortfall. Education Minister Gordon Dirks did state on March 26 provincial budget day that stockpiled funds could only be used for "transition planning."

Last week, however, Dirks appeared critical of the reserves maintained by the Calgary public board and other boards.

CITY HALL

Sick days still up for city workers

Employees of the City of Calgary continue to miss work due to illness or injury more often than workers in the private sector, but less frequently than public-sector employees as a whole, according to a city report.

Last year, the city recorded 10.2 missed days per full-time equivalent position, a rate 31 per cent higher than the private sector.

Calgary's rate is below the public-sector average of 12.5 missed days per full-time worker, however, as measured by Statistics Canada's 2014 Labour Force Survey.

Coun. Ward Sutherland noted some private companies set specific goals for absences due to illness or injury that are posted for all employees to see, as a way of encouraging a culture of safety and hard work.

"Are we not doing that, publicly, for our employees?" Sutherland asked during a committee meeting Wednesday.

Members of city administration replied that such a system requires a workplace "culture" that the city is working toward but does not yet have across all departments.

Publicly posted illness and injury numbers could also lead to legal problems with respect to disciplinary action over sick days, noted Mark Lavallee, the city's human resources director.

"If, in fact, arbitrary targets or numbers or indicators are set, that's when we run the risk of being challenged," he said, citing established "jurisprudence."

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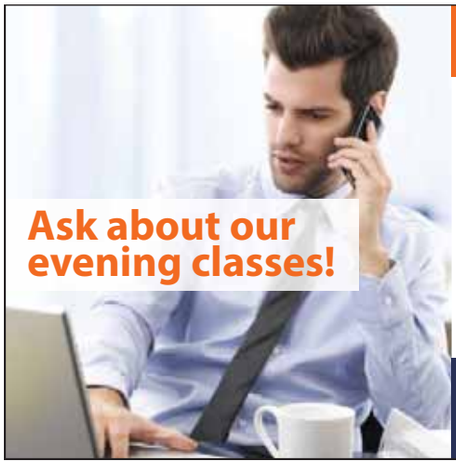

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Sumaiya Nazim leans over the fire-damaged engine of her 2003 Lexus, which caught fire on Tuesday night.
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EMERGENCY

Misplaced rag cause of car fire: Couple

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary couple was shaken up after their car caught fire due to what they believe was a misplaced rag left behind following a recent trip to a Mr. Lube location in Royal Oak.

Sumaiya Nazim said she was driving near her Rockyspring Terrace home on Tuesday night when her husband noticed smoke rising from under the hood of the vehicle.

"I immediately turned the car off, put it into park and I got out of the car and I could see the smoke," she said.

After she exited the vehicle, a nearby neighbour sprung into action, alerting the couple the car was on fire.

He then grabbed a fire extinguisher and partially put out the blaze, with the remainder later being doused with water.

"I'm lucky that it didn't happen inside my garage, because my whole house may have caught fire," she said.

"I'm just lucky it happened at a place where I had help."

Her husband, Shakriar Mannan, said if it wasn't for the quick-thinking actions of his neighbour the situation could have taken a turn for the worse.

"When the neighbour told me the car was on fire, that's when I was really panicking ... because I was thinking the car will explode," he said.

David Waterfall, vice-president of marketing with Mr. Lube, said the company is working with the local franchisee to investigate the issue.

"Any time there is a customer concern we ensure that our franchisee and our customer come to a fair conclusion," he said.

Airbnb guests trash Calgarians' house

INVESTIGATION

Damages estimated between $50K-$75K

Helen Pike
Metro | Calgary

A torn up sofa, debris strewn over hardwood floor, condiments on ceilings and walls and an array of bodily fluids — that's what a Calgary couple came back to after renting their home for a few days to an Airbnb guest, and now police are investigating.

About two days ago Star King, a local artist, posted photos of the horrific mess she and her husband arrived home to find. Police, who responded to the home a number times over the weekend, said other than a noise complaint they weren't able to break the tenancy act to enter the property and see the damage done by mostly 20-year-old partiers.

"In my nine years of policing, I have never seen anything like it, especially to just a house that you rent out for a weekend," said Const. Atilla Horvath, the file investigator for the case. "I would say probably at least $50,000 to $75,000 worth of damage."

Airbnb is a popular short-term rental website designed for travellers looking to save a buck. But after a renter — who told the landlord he was visiting Calgary for a wedding with a few family members — went buck wild for a weekend, police opened an investigation hoping to lay the finger on who's to blame for the ransacked Sage Hill home.

A photo of the mess left behind in Star King's home after an Airbnb guest rented the space for three days. STARYEYES1986/INSTAGRAM

Horvath said they have a suspect, but have yet to speak to him.

Police attended the property at the 100 block of Sage Valley Drive northwest for a noise complaint Monday, the third trip police made to the suburban home including the weekend, but upon arrival the noise was minimal and there were no interactions with the tenants.

Three hours later a neighbour called, reporting a physical altercation. The homeowner then showed up and asked the renters to leave.

> **In my nine years of policing, I have never seen anything like it.**
> Const. Atilla Horvath

"Approximately an hour later about 15 to 20 people left the residence," Horvath said.

Horvath said the neighbours told the home owner they had seen a party bus pull up over the weekend, but haven't confirmed who was in the home over the course of three days.

Airbnb told Metro these types of incidents are rare.

"We have zero tolerance for this kind of behaviour," read the email statement. "We have been in very close contact with these hosts and we are working quickly to reimburse them under our $1 Million Host Guarantee, which covers a host's property in the rare event of damages."

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POLITICS

‘Big city mayors will shape Alberta’s future’

Alberta’s political future will be more influenced by the mayors of its two biggest cities than by provincial politicians, former Wildrose leader and PC MLA Danielle Smith said this week.

“I think the two most influential people on how provincial politics is going to roll out in the next number of years are going to be Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Mayor Don Iveson,” Smith said during a panel discussion on “The Future of Alberta Politics,” as part of the Spur Calgary festival of ideas.

Both mayors have “already had a tremendous impact on the social dialogue,” Smith added.

“You see increasingly that people have more confidence in their local level of government — it’s a less partisan level of government,” she said.

“You elect individuals not under party banners, so you can actually have fluid coalitions that happen on the basis of issue-by-issue. And I think young people actually see an appeal in that.”

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said Wednesday Smith was “exactly right” in her assessment.

“Getting rid of that partisanship and creating coalitions ... I think is a really appealing part of civic politics,” he said. “The fact that we’re hard to peg down, ideologically, I think is very important.”

Politics in Alberta should be increasingly shaped by “the needs of the people who live in the big cities,” the mayor added.

“After all, when you combine Calgary and the Edmonton capital region together, you’ve got close to two thirds of the Alberta population,” he said. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

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The Calgary Airport Authority is introducing new measures to clamp down on noise caused by airplanes travelling along new flight paths. METRO/JENNIFER FRIESEN

Airport aims to keep the noise down

COMPLAINTS

Officials hope flight changes will appease angry residents

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

Airport officials believe some flight-pattern changes coming into effect Thursday will help throttle down on noise that’s been lamented by residents for months.

Complaints began to pour into call lines at Calgary International in late June after a parallel runway opened and, as a result, the flight paths used by aircraft shifted.

In 2014, the airport said it received 1,500 complaints about the racket planes were causing.

But now the venue’s governing authority has received approval from Transport Canada to have aircraft departing from runway 17L reach 1,000 feet before deviating and even then the angle of the turns pilots make will be reduced from 15 degrees to 10. The move will see the aircraft travel over less-populated areas while at lower altitudes.

“The aim for these changes is to keep aircraft over as much of the industrial areas as long as possible and as high as possible in order to decrease some of the impact on surrounding communities,” airport spokesperson Jody Moseley said in a statement Wednesday.

John Arnold, president of the Whitehorn Community Association, was among those who have complained about the noise. He said, initially, the planes were so loud they would drown out basic conversation in his home.

Lately, however, he’s noticed some changes. The airport, he said, has cut back to use just one runway for late-arriving and early-departing planes. He’s also noticed a change in flight patterns that have cut down on the duration of noise created by each passing aircraft.

“The duration of the event gone down to 20 seconds because they’re off to the side,” he said.

Moseley said the airport would continue to evaluate the new flight-pattern procedures and discuss the matter further with affected communities.

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Prentice defends decision

POLITICS

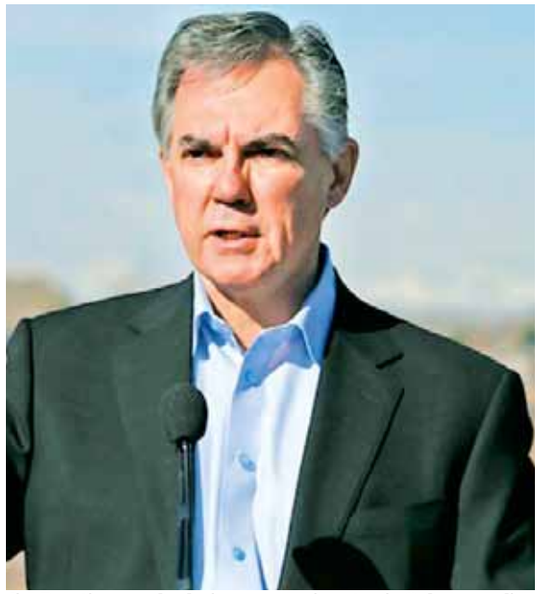
Ex-campaign manager vouches for Jamie Lall

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

Progressive Conservative Leader Jim Prentice defended a candidate previously convicted of soliciting a prostitute while on a government trip as his party faced continued questions about the disqualification of another over an eight-year-old restraining order.

Prentice told News Talk 770 that Mike Allen, the party's incumbent MLA and candidate in Fort McMurray-Wood Buffalo, has "fulfilled his responsibilities to society" and owned up immediately to what he did. Allen was caught and charged during a 2013 undercover sting operation in Minnesota.

The case is unlike that of Jamie Lall, Prentice said, as he and party executives claim Lall didn't come clean about a restraining order obtained against him by an ex-girlfriend in 2007.



Jim Prentice speaks during a campaign stop in Calgary earlier this month. LARRY MACDOUGAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"(The restraining order) alone, from my perspective, means that he's not acceptable as a candidate for my political party, clearly," Prentice told the show's hosts.

"The second reason is that he was not forthright with the nomination committee who interviewed him about that. Two strikes."

Lall, however, has disputed the party claims and on Tuesday supplied an email that indicates he offered the phone number of the woman who obtained the order to a party private investigator.

Lall said the woman is now his "biggest supporter" and she has told reporters they are "diplomatically civil."

But support grew behind Lall on Wednesday, as former campaign manager Pat Walsh said the party was made aware of the restraining order prior to Lall's run in Calgary-Buffalo in 2012.

Walsh conceded he has no proof of conversations with party brass about the order but said he would swear to such claims in court if and when matters proceed there.

"I will defend Jamie on this until the end of time," he said.

The woman behind Lall's restraining order, for example, said she was obtaining legal counsel in response to claims from PC party officials.

Lall supporters have alleged the party dug up dirt on him to run him out of the nomination race in Chestermere-Rocky View and, in turn, acclaim Wildrose defector Bruce McAllister.

Walsh, meanwhile, revealed that Lall didn't disclose charges against him in 2009 after he allegedly made harassing phone calls to a young woman.

He said he was "upset" about that, but noted Lall was granted a conditional discharge and wasn't sure if it would have changed his mind to manage his campaign.

"There's no criminal record here in all these things, there's no record of it," he said. "Jamie doesn't even have a mugshot."

Prentice, meanwhile, at a campaign event in Calgary urged reporters to focus on the core issues of the election, rather than the Lall matter.

"I encourage everybody who follows these matters, who writes about these matters, to get back to what's important to the province," he said.

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BACKGROUND

Text messages reveal 'bad apples' in PC party: MLA

Text messages provided to Metro earlier this week by disqualified Tory candidate Jamie Lall continued to draw criticism from party members Wednesday.

Thomas Lukaszuk, the party's representative in Edmonton-Castle Downs, was mentioned in an exchange between Lall and former Justice Minister Jonathan Denis. In the texts, Lall surmises about the potential reasons for his disqualification in Chestermere-Rocky View.

Metro has been unable to substantiate Lall's theory, which implied that area incumbent Bruce McAllister was protected over fears he would have "spilled the beans" on a party matter involving Lukaszuk. As such, the texts are not being published but were provided to Lukaszuk on Wednesday.

"Like in any family, there are bad apples and they sometimes have the potential to spoil the barrel," he said.

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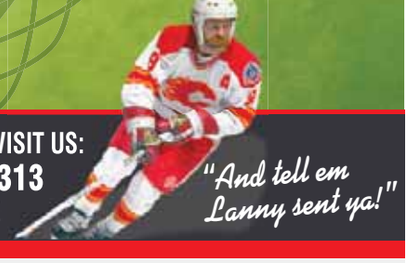

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Residents fuming over gas line plans

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Project would see natural gas piped through provincial park

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

Residents of Sun Valley Drive started growing suspicious when they noticed frequent visits by ATCO Gas trucks in their neighbourhood.

Their suspicions turned to shock when they discovered ATCO Gas planned to install a natural-gas line in Fish Creek Provincial Park with, apparently, hardly any notice.

Ted New was walking his dog on April 16 and noticed some workers out front of his neighbour's house. He asked the workers what was going on, and they told him they were looking for a landing spot for a pipeline bore.

When he informed his neighbour, Elaine Murta, of the situation, the pair began checking with other residents in the area to see if anyone knew about the ATCO project.

"That's when the neighbourhood started to realize nobody had been notified that a project of this nature was going in," Murta said. "That's when we started to ask questions."

After a barrage of phone calls and emails from disgruntled residents, a notice appeared on the Friends of Fish Creek Provincial Park Society website April 20 regarding the ATCO Gas project planning.

Two days later, residents received hand-delivered notices from ATCO Gas giving a brief statement saying, "ATCO Gas will be installing 20-inch low-pressure natural-gas line within Fish Creek Provincial Park."

"My biggest concern is a project of this scope in nature can go through without consultation of the people who are affected — that's my hugest thing," Murta said.

Brian Cox, director of the Calgary region at ATCO Gas, said in this case, residents happened to be a few steps ahead of ATCO's process and either way ATCO's plans would have been communicated to residents via an information session May 7.

"Unfortunately, the residents had seen some of the soil sampling and assumed we had committed to a project they didn't know anything about," Cox said.

"In fact, they were just a bit ahead of our processes on it. If nothing had surfaced from residents being concerned, we would be having the same information session."

May 7

ATCO Gas will be hosting an information session for concerned parties on May 7 at St. Mary's University College from 4 to 7 p.m.

Mark Huddle of Sun Valley Drive S.E. stands in Fish Creek Provincial Park, the site of a proposed low-pressure natural-gas line to be installed by ATCO Gas. ANNA BROOKS/METRO

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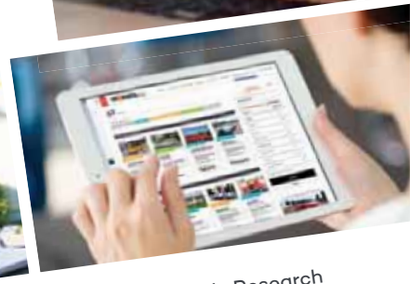

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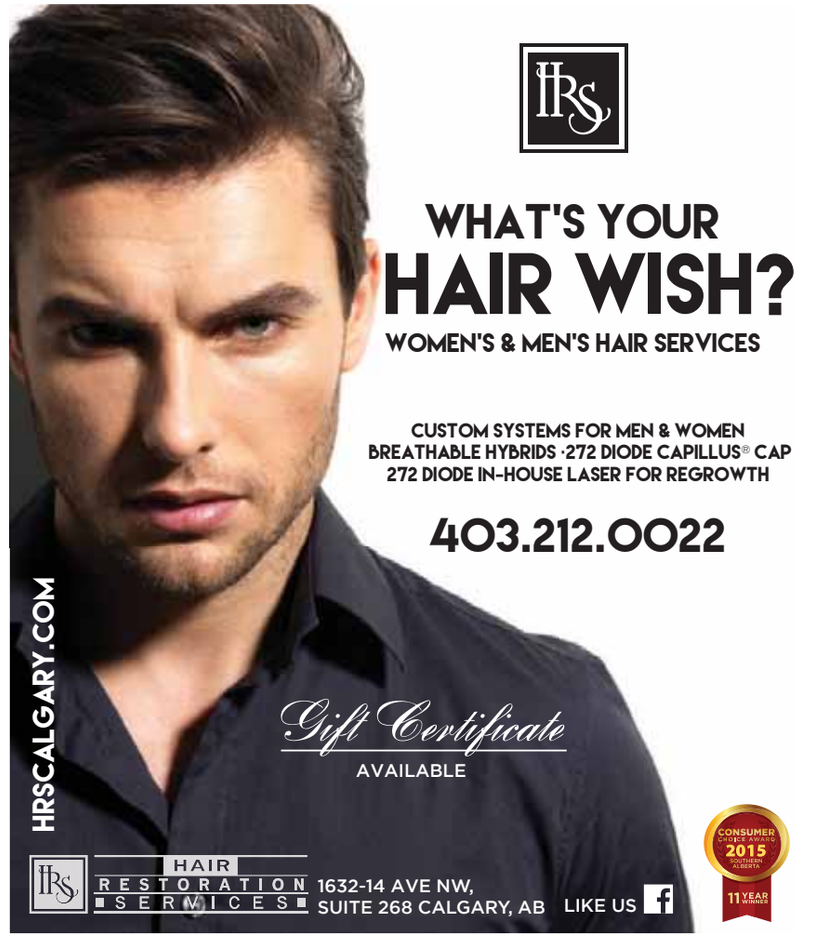

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Calgary student becomes mayor for a day

CITY HALL

Annual contest promotes youth engagement

Robson Fletcher
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Nyssa Rae, a Grade 12 student at Bishop Carroll High School in Calgary, spent Wednesday sitting in the mayor's chair at city hall, holding meetings with city councillors, and doing interviews with the media.

The 18-year-old earned the privilege with her winning essay in this year's "Mayor For A Day" contest, in which she outlined her plans to boost voter turnout by making municipal information more accessible, reducing smoking near transit stops, and improving road construction schedules.

"I just kind of looked around at the city and things that impacted me every day and that I feel very strongly about," she said of her ideas.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said he was impressed by Rae's proposals, "all of which were awesome and very, very thoughtful."

The Mayor For A Day contest is a project of Youth Central's Mayor's Youth Council, which puts out an annual call for essays from local students on how they would "make Calgary an even better place to live," if they were mayor.

For his part, Nenshi said he welcomes having someone else sit in the mayor's chair.

"I'm thrilled to have had her taking my job over all day, " he said. "I've been sipping smoothies and sitting out on the balcony. It's been fantastic."

Calgary Mayor Naheed Nenshi and Grade 12 student Nyssa Rae in the mayor's office on Wednesday. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

RED MILE

Fewer than a dozen cars towed during Game 6

Morgan Modjeski
Metro | Calgary

Calgary residents appear to be getting the message when it comes to parking bans on the Red Mile during the Calgary Flames' playoff run.

The Calgary Parking Authority said fewer than a dozen cars have been towed as a result of the parking ban on the Red Mile since it was introduced last week.

In total, only 11 cars were towed during Saturday's game, which was the first time the ban was enforced, as proper signage was not in place on April 23.

Mike Derbyshire, general manager of the Calgary Parking Authority said the low numbers are a promising start.

"Voluntary compliance is really what we want," he said.

"We don't want to have to tow cars, but it's to ensure safety for everybody on the roadway."

With the ban continuing through the second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs, Derbyshire said the city won't be cleaning up the cash as a result of the tows.

"It's not a revenue issue at all, it's a safety issue," he said. "(Eleven) tickets is not going to make-or-break us."

Derbyshire said the CPA has a number of other options in place when it comes to parking, as Flames fans will have until 10 a.m. to move their vehicle from parkades and surface parking.

Parking restrictions are in place from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. on 17 Ave. between 2 Street SW and 14 Street SW on game nights.

Calgary Flames fans flood the Red Mile after Saturday's 7- 4 win against the Vancouver Canucks. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

POETIC PAYOFF

Calgary, Vancouver mayors poetically settle playoff bet

Groans could be heard in Vancouver city council Wednesday as Mayor Gregor Robertson made good on a NHL playoff bet with his Calgary counterpart and read aloud a poem written by Mayor Naheed Nenshi while wearing a Flames jersey.

Robertson dutifully recited Nenshi's opus, which pokes fun at the Vancouver Canucks' zero Stanley Cup wins and their players' penchant for embellishment — "Diving's not a Winter Olympic sport?" — as well as the city's notoriously leaky condos and equally notorious inhabitants: "Nickelback moves in and young people move out."

The one-and-a-half page poem — which contains two poem-within-a-poem haiku — was no small undertaking, according to the Calgary mayor: "It actually took a while to write," Nenshi said, adding he had "lots of input" on topics to touch on.

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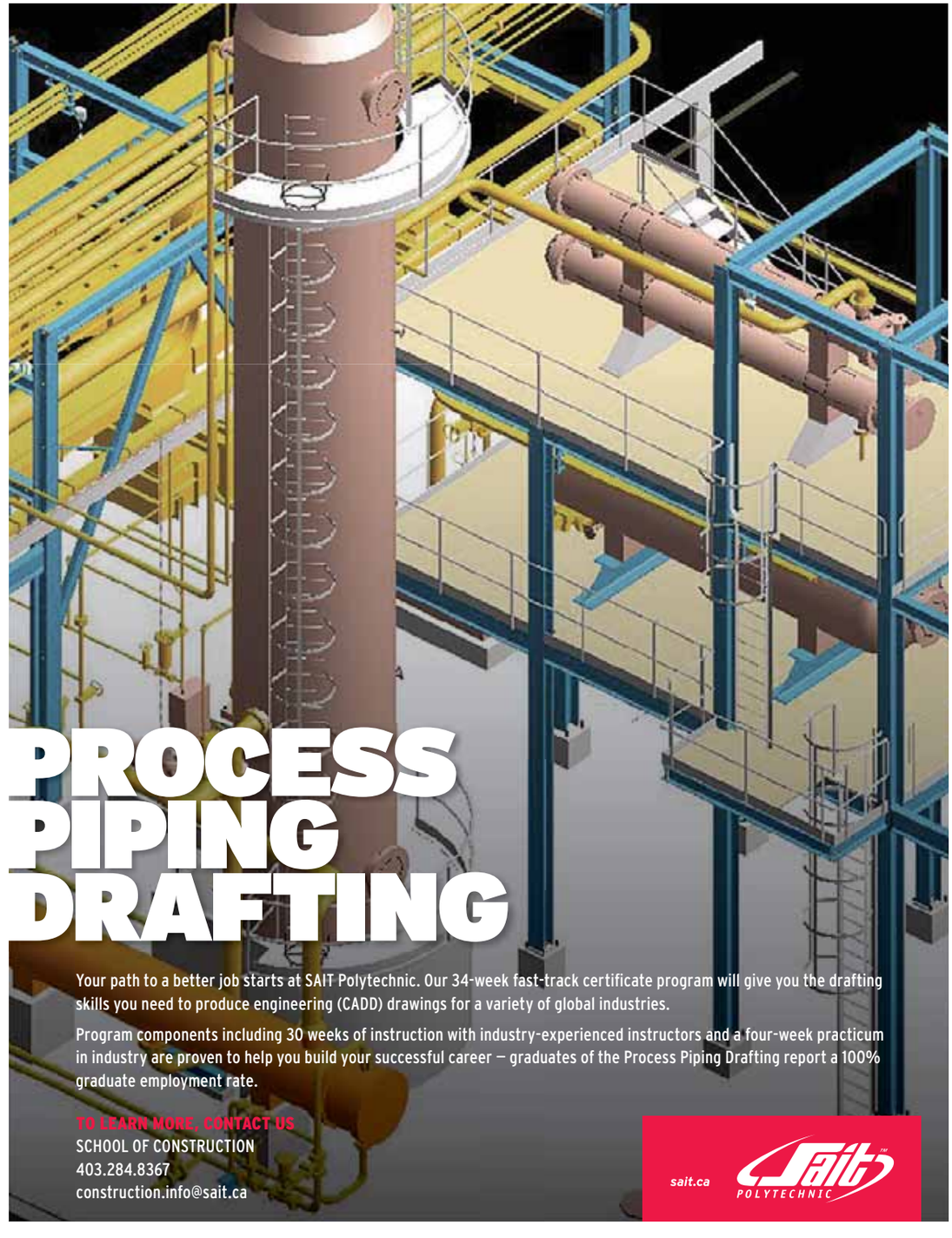
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Inmates' parents protest move

YOUNG OFFENDERS

'Underuse' at Calgary centre prompts shift to Edmonton

Morgan Modjeski
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Parents of children in the Calgary Young Offender Centre (CYOC) feel the imminent changes at the facility could mean a step back in their children's chance at rehabilitation.

In late March, the Alberta government announced the CYOC was "underused or significantly under capacity" and as a result, the 75 to 85 inmates housed at the facility would be transferred to the Edmonton Young Offender Centre (EYOC).

One parent — who couldn't be named as it would identify her daughter, who's protected under the Youth Criminal Justice Act — said the move will create challenges around visitation for some family members.

Clients of the Calgary Young Offenders Centre are being transferred to Edmonton, and some parents say the change will hinder their children's rehabilitation. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

"These people at the (CYOC) have created a relationship with her, and she relies on them for positive role models and people she can trust," said her mother, who described the changes as a "major concern."

"It's given her so many tools with how to deal with (her) life circumstances," she said.

"She's become this really grounded, thoughtful individual, and I'm so worried that's going to go backwards when she gets to EYOC."

Others said the change could be "detrimental for all of the kids."

Alongside removing established family and social supports, those travelling from the CYOC will be "the new kids on the block," which creates another level of pressure.

Lawrence Deck, a registered psychologist at the CYOC, said family visitation and access to strong social supports reduces recidivism.

He said the changes are putting pressure on families who are already struggling.

"A lot of the families in here are from a lower economic status," he said. "Potentially we're talking about a commute of six to 12 hours for one hour of visitation time.

"And the amount of money that it costs for gas and food … I think that will put a significant strain on any family, regardless of how much money they have."

> **"Potentially we're talking about a commute of six to 12 hours.**
> Lawrence Deck, psychologist

He said the relationships formed between offenders and staff at the CYOC are critical, as a good therapeutic relationship is one of the "most important dynamics of treatment."

"That's not say they can't develop those relationships at EYOC, but a lot of young people have fairly strong relationships with the some of the staff here," he added.

Following the changes, the CYOC will be used for arrest processing; short-term holding for Calgary and southern Alberta with sentences that have been temporarily suspended; and release and reintegration programs for youth.

PUBLIC RALLY

Staff and family members opposed to changes at the Calgary Young Offender Centre are calling on the provincial government to reverse changes that would see offenders at the facility moved to Edmonton.

Organizers say a rally, set to take place 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the McDougall Centre, will relay a message that the incarcerated youth are unable to deliver.

"The main thing we're looking at is having these people speak out on their behalf," said Erez Raz, vice-president of the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees.

Raz hopes the public will support the event, which will also see presentations by Calgary's John Howard Society, the CYOC Girl Guides and several politicians.

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Wildrose calls for percentage grades

EDUCATION

Party promises consistent scheme for grades 5-12

Jeremy Nolais
Metro | Calgary

Classroom competition would be boosted by returning to percentage grades in middle school, says the leader of the Wildrose, but fellow provincial election frontrunners believe decisions on assessment are best left to educators.

The Wildrose party — which recent polls have put in a lead position over the Progressive Conservatives — has pledged to develop a consistent grading scheme for grades 5 to 12 and to support teachers who dole out grades of zero for incomplete work.

"I've found myself, in my own life, I perform better when I understand what I'm going to receive as a grade at the end of the day and to compete against other students," said party leader Brian Jean, who's taught quantitative methods and business law at the university level.

"That's really what it is, is a competition among the other students in the class and the teacher picks the best student and assigns a particular grade."

Currently, grading schemes appear to vary among school boards. The Calgary Board of Education, for instance, has moved towards a series of "indicators" for students in kindergarten to Grade 9.

Students are now assessed on report cards as being "excellent," "good," "basic" or "not meeting."

The Calgary Catholic School District, however, has continued with more traditional percentage grades in middle school for students in Grade 7 and above.

> **There's no real measurement.**
> Michael McIntosh

The PC party takes a slightly different stance on the issue.

"The grading structure at present is determined by local school boards and the government doesn't have any intention of changing that," said Calgary-Elbow candidate Gordon Dirks, who served as education minister under the previous government.

Dirks, however, did add that he'd been tasked by the premier to ensure a "coherent grading system" exists across the province and he would continue discussing that matter with parents and school boards if he returned to the minister posting.

The NDP candidate in Edmonton-Beverly-Clareview, Deron Bilous, echoed plans to leave grading schemes with school boards.

The Alberta Liberals did not respond to a request for comment about their stance on percentage grades for middle school students and the Alberta Party said it hadn't developed a policy on the matter.

Some parents, meanwhile, say they're frustrated with what is described as more ambiguous measuring of student performance.

"The teachers aren't teaching a specific curriculum and, if they are, there's no real measurement," said Michael McIntosh, interim president of the Calgary Association of Parents and School Councils, who has a child attending the CBE's Edgemont school.

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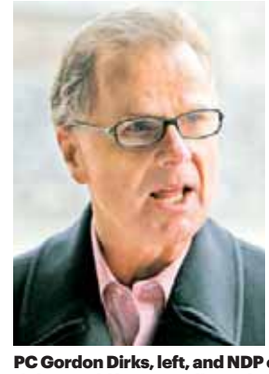

PC Gordon Dirks, left, and NDP education critic Deron Bilous, right, would leave grading schemes to school boards, but Wildrose Leader Brian Jean, top, favours percentage marks for students in grades 5 to 12. METRO FILE; THE CANADIAN PRESS ARCHIVE

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Nicole Wolf illustrated the animals of Ralph Klein Park while in her third year at Alberta College of Art + Design. JENNIFER FRIESEN / FOR METRO

Using artwork to interpret nature

ACAD

Student art on permanent display in Ralph Klein Park

Jennifer Friesen
For Metro

When Nicole Wolf was a little girl, she wanted to be a cowboy.

"There's something about being surrounded by nature and animals that makes you feel more human," she said. "So that's probably why I used to think about being a cowboy, just that idea of being out on the range."

Now, just after graduating from Alberta College of Art + Design (ACAD), the 24-year-old has brought her love of nature to her work. On Wednesday afternoon, she celebrated the installation of one of her nature-inspired illustrations at Ralph Klein Park.

Her piece is one of 12 ACAD student illustrations chosen to be permanently displayed in the wetlands as a part of a partnership between the college and the City of Calgary.

"It's a perfect illustration of one of the many essential roles that art and design play in our society," said ACAD president Daniel Doz. "Moments (such as this) more than punctuate the urban landscape — they make it come alive by enriching everyday life."

The city partnered with ACAD in 2011 by offering illustration and design courses that offer students a chance at real-world design projects.

For this project, the students created artwork that would also teach — each piece tells the viewer a little about the wildlife in the park.

"This artwork provides such a beautiful tool for us to be able to interpret the natural world," said Julie Guimond with the city's parks department.

"It's another way to bring that visual learning to our visitors."

CENSORSHIP

Court hearing for Denis open, but publication ban remains

A court hearing for Alberta's former justice minister and his estranged wife will not be held behind closed doors.

But a judge says a publication ban will remain in effect in the case, which led Jonathan Denis to resign his cabinet post last weekend.

"The role of the court is not censorship," Justice Craig Jones said Wednesday. "The public must be allowed to see that justice is done and, of course, the court may come to the conclusion that in-camera proceedings are necessary.

"Protection against embarrassment and possible damage to reputation are not overriding considerations in deciding to compromise the principle of open court."

The judge, however, granted a request from both sides that the publication ban remain in place.

Premier Jim Prentice asked Denis for his resignation last Saturday after learning that there were court proceedings between the former minister and his wife Breanna Palmer.

> **The role of the court is not censorship.**
> Justice Craig Jones

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Youth search for long-lost ancestors

BILLION GRAVES PROJECT

Photographs of tombstones will go into database

Anna Brooks
Metro | Calgary

More than 1,000 youth are getting excited to snap photographs of tombstones around the city's cemeteries in an attempt to record 122,000 graves into a genealogy database.

The Billion Graves Project has groups of youth aged 14 to 18 photographing tombstones not yet recorded in the Billion Graves databank, a public genealogy records database.

Stephen Miller has been involved with the project since the beginning, and said it's a rare opportunity for youth to have the chance help tie families to their long-lost ancestors.

Miller said the goal of the service project for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, is to photograph 122,000 tombstones around different cemeteries in Calgary and contribute them to Billion Graves.

"The kids are excited to do it because they see this as a means of tying families together and helping people find their ancestors," Miller explained. "Cemeteries are kind of scary to people, but they don't have to be. This is about linking families together."

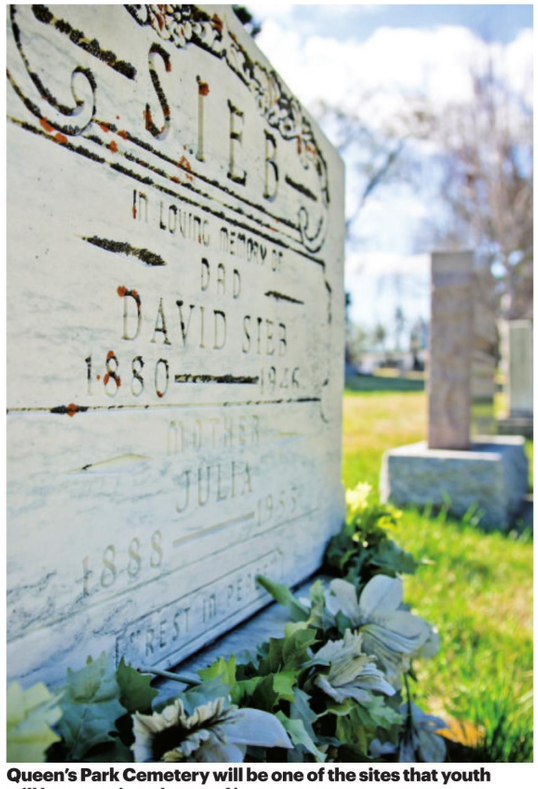
Ethan Mathewson, 18, said this is the first time he's been involved with a project of this magnitude, and he thinks it will go a long way in connecting youth and providing a unique type of service to the community.

"I find it very fulfilling to do something a little different," Mathewson said. "Especially with something like this that can be used for so many different things with family history and everything."

Project lead Toni Pilling said another neat thing about the project is giving youth an opportunity to use technology in a different way. Using their smartphones, youth can take pictures of gravestones and upload their photos to the Billion Graves app.

"To get 1,000 youth at that age excited about something is tricky," Pilling said. "Geneaology is changing, it's becoming more digital. This allows them to use the technology they use everyday to help people find their loved ones."

Up to 2,000 youth are expected to hit different cemeteries around Calgary May 2 for the first ever Billion Graves Project.



Queen's Park Cemetery will be one of the sites that youth will be snapping photos of in an attempt to procure more than 120,000 unrecorded tombstones for Billion Graves, the online genealogy database. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

CLARIFICATION

In a story that included COBS Bread in Metro Calgary's April 22 edition, the first sentence in the story implied that if Lourdes Juan hadn't walked into COBS bread two years ago to collect leftovers, 150 lbs of food would have went to waste. In fact, COBS bread has an End of Day giving program at all of their bakeries where unsold bread is delivered to local charities. Had the bread not gone to Juan, the company said it would have gone to a different charity. Metro regrets the error. METRO

LETHBRIDGE

Men, woman killed in attack identified

Police in southern Alberta have identified three people killed in what investigators have called a targeted attack.

The bodies of Kyle Devine, who was 27, 24-year-old Clarissa English and her 18-year-old brother, Dakota English, were found Tuesday in their Lethbridge townhouse.

A concerned neighbour had called police to check on the residents.

Facebook profiles under their names suggest Devine and the woman were in a romantic relationship.

Officers have described the crime scene as violent, but have not released how the three died.

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Citizenship gift bags 'odd': MP

CEREMONY

Adam Vaughan says 'product placement' not a sensible fit

Some got to go to an NHL game. Others got free coffee. Still more got maple syrup — or those most coveted gifts of all: pens, mugs and key chains.

The response that Citizenship and Immigration Canada provided to an inquiry by Toronto Liberal MP Adam Vaughan show the types of gifts handed out to newly minted Canadian citizens at their oath-taking ceremonies vary widely across the country.

"It's like the lottery. If your citizenship comes up during the hockey season, you might get free tickets. If it comes up in the summer, you might just get packed into a church basement. There doesn't seem to be any rhyme or reason to the largesse," Vaughan said Wednesday.

Vaughan told Torstar News Service that his query stemmed from his staff attending a citizenship ceremony held at the Air Canada Centre last year and noticing the new Canadians were receiving Maple Leafs jerseys and tickets to the game along with their right to get a passport and vote.

"It just seemed odd that it suddenly had this sort of gift-bag component to it — that the ceremony itself wasn't significant enough," said Vaughan.

"There are a lot of Tim Hortons (gift cards) and maple syrup," he said.

The response also included a list of third-party sponsors as well as locations outside government facilities where citizenship ceremonies took place, including many schools, parks, sports arenas, museums and a salmon festival in Richmond, B.C.

Adam Vaughan, a Liberal MP in Toronto, was surprised when he learned that new Canadians have been receiving gift bags at their citizenship ceremonies, including Maple Leafs jerseys and game tickets. GETTY IMAGES

> **It's like the lottery. If your citizenship comes up during the hockey season, you might get free tickets.**
>
> Adam Vaughan, Toronto Liberal MP

"It's a citizenship ceremony, and I think it should be a fairly solemn and momentous occasion in someone's life. It just seems strange that it has been reduced to a sort of photo op, a product-placement opportunity," said Vaughan.

Vaughan said he found it especially odd given the Conservative government has spoken about the importance of the moment when defending its decision to ban the wearing of the face-covering niqab while swearing the citizenship oath.

"You can't show your culture, but corporate culture can be rained down upon you. It's a very ambiguous set of messages that are sent," Vaughan said.

A spokesman for Citizenship and Immigration Minister Chris Alexander did not grant an interview to Torstar on Wednesday but emailed a statement saying the government wants to make ceremonies memorable.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

EARTHQUAKE

Canadians flown out of Nepal

An RCAF plane carrying approximately 100 people who survived a massive earthquake in Nepal arrived in New Delhi late Wednesday, the Canadian government said.

On board the C-17 transport were both Canadians and people from other countries, while an additional 70 Canadians have since left Nepal on commercial flights, Foreign Affairs Minister Rob Nicholson said in a statement. The plane arrived in Kathmandu, the Nepalese capital, early Wednesday morning, carrying elements of the government's Disaster Assistance Response Team to assist in the crisis.

A second C-17 is also on the way, carrying 51 Canadian Forces members and supplies to be used by the response team in the aftermath of last weekend's quake.

The plane will then be used to get more people out of the country, the government says.

In 2013, more than 12,000 Canadians visited Nepal, according to that country's tourism agency, most for holidays or mountaineering expeditions.

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TORONTO PROTESTERS MAKE GRIM STATEMENT Protesters in body bags demonstrate in front of the Italian consulate in Toronto, Wednesday, in support of migrants crossing the Mediterranean Sea. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Killer father not replying to questions

NOT CRIMINALLY RESPONSIBLE

Review board considering day outings for rehabilitation

A British Columbia man who murdered his three children says it's his right not to answer questions about his request for partial freedom from a psychiatric hospital.

Allan Schoenborn wants the B.C. Review Board to give him permission to take supervised outings from a facility in Coquitlam, east of Vancouver.

On the third day of hearings at an annual review, Schoenborn objected when a Crown lawyer began questioning him.

"All my questions were answered in trial already," Schoenborn told the board Wednesday in an outburst.

The board's chairman opted to take an early lunch break so Schoenborn's lawyer could speak with his client.

Schoenborn was found not criminally responsible for killing his three children on account of a mental disorder, with the trial judge finding that he suffered from psychosis.

He stabbed his 10-year-old daughter and smothered his two sons, who were eight and five, inside their Merritt, B.C., home in April 2008. He escaped into the woods and was arrested after a 10-day manhunt.

Schoenborn has never been released on any day trips from the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital but his psychiatrist, Dr. Marcel Hediger, asked the board to consider the privilege, saying it will help in his patient's rehabilitation. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

No more library sex shows Changes are being made to the Windsor Public Library after online sex shows were discovered being broadcast from select branches earlier this year.

The library board has decided that sight lines in branches will be improved and more staff will be in place to monitor patrons' activity.

An investigation was launched after police received reports about raunchy sex videos circulating on online forums that showed a woman exposing herself and masturbating inside what appeared to be Windsor public libraries. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SPERM DONATION

Company says no guarantees of donor

A U.S. sperm bank says a lawsuit it faces from a Canadian couple alleging it misrepresented donor information is "baseless."

In a statement of defence filed in a Georgia court Wednesday, Xytex Corp. said it followed industry standards and made it clear to the couple that the information provided by their donor "cannot be verified for accuracy."

The Port Hope, Ont., couple allege in their lawsuit that their donor was a schizophrenic with a criminal record and they were never told about it.

Angela Collins and Margaret Elizabeth Hanson allege Xytex told them their choice of donor was a healthy man with multiple degrees who was "among their best donors."

In their statement of claim, the couple allege they only accidentally learned the identity of their donor years after their son was born, and that through their own research they realized the man was a college dropout who had been arrested for burglary at one point and had schizophrenia.

None of the allegations have been proven in court.

Collins and Hanson are seeking damages for pain, suffering and financial losses as they allege Xytex engaged in fraud, misrepresentation, negligence and battery, among other claims.

But Xytex claims in its statement of defence that the lawsuit is without merit and should be dismissed.

"Throughout the process, Xytex made clear to the plaintiffs in writing that 'the medical and social history was provided by the donor and cannot be verified for accuracy.'" THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Prisons don't breed extremism: Study

CORRECTIONS

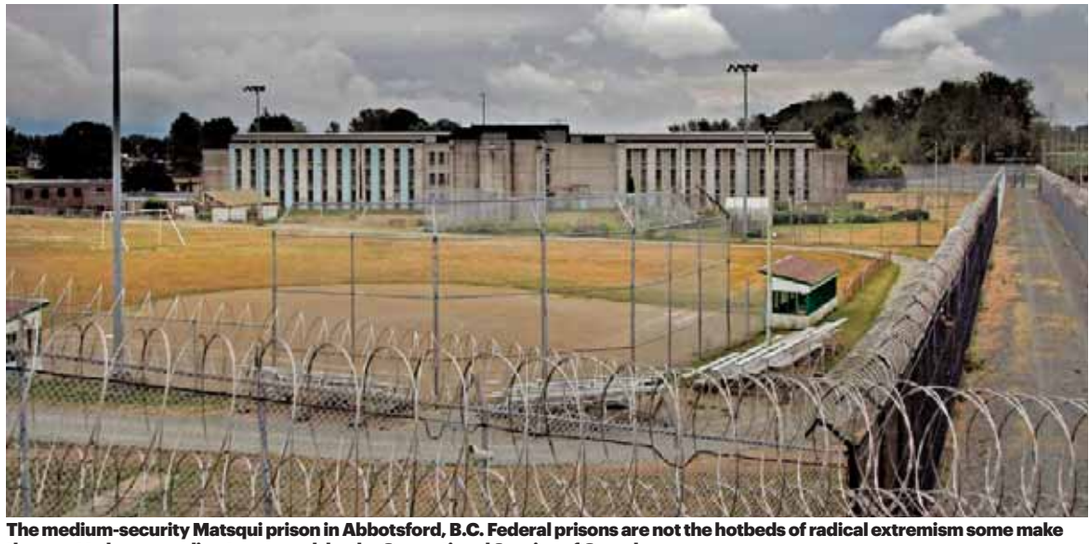
Radicalized inmates said to be easier to rehabilitate

Federal prisons are not the hotbeds of radical extremism some make them out to be, according to research by the Correctional Service of Canada.

And compared to other inmates, radicalized offenders are more likely to have moderate-to-high potential for rejoining society.

The preliminary findings emerge from an ongoing, multi-year collaboration between the prison service and Defence Research and Development Canada aimed at developing a solid basis to assess and manage imprisoned extremists.

The Canadian Press used the Access to Information Act to obtain a 2014 summary of a series of academic studies undertaken by the Correctional Service's research branch. Internal notes suggest the presentation, Radicalized Offenders, was prepared for the deputy ministers' committee on national security.



The medium-security Matsqui prison in Abbotsford, B.C. Federal prisons are not the hotbeds of radical extremism some make them out to be, according to research by the Correctional Service of Canada. RICHARD LAM/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"Though concern over the spread of violent ideologies has been expressed, this concern is supported by limited qualitative, anecdotal evidence," says the presentation.

"Researchers have concluded that many of those who adopt extremist Islamist ideologies during incarceration often disregard these beliefs upon release."

However, the presentation adds, there is a need for a greater understanding of just how susceptible inmates are to being radicalized behind bars.

One of the gunmen in the bloody attack on Paris-based magazine Charlie Hebdo last January had come under the sway of a convicted terrorist while in prison — the sort of incident that has fuelled concern about the spread of radical ideas in jail.

As of this month, there were 19 offenders in Canadian federal prisons who had at least one affiliation with an extremist or terrorist organization, including racial extremists, the Correctional Service says. Of these, nine had been convicted of at least one terrorism-related offence.

Researchers found that compared to other inmates, radicalized offenders are less likely to be Canadian citizens and more likely to belong to a visible minority group. They are also younger, better educated, more likely to have a history of stable employment and less likely to have had previous tangles with the criminal-justice system. Radicalized offenders also have fewer mental-health issues and problems with substance abuse.

Overall, they are more likely "to be assessed as having moderate-high reintegration potential," the presentation says.

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CALGARY BEERFEST

Cheers to some great beers

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It's part sampling event and part education on all things beer-related, but it's all kinds of fun at this year's Calgary International Beerfest, Friday and Saturday at the BMO Centre.

As Western Canada's largest beer festival — rated as one of the 20 best beer festivals in the world — Beerfest features more than 140 brewers and more than 500 local, national and international craft beers together in more than 250,000 square feet in Stampede Park, promoting and celebrating the craft beer industry. But it's not just beer for sampling, there are more than 30 of Calgary's best restaurants, pubs and eateries on hand, and live music courtesy of Eve Hell & The Razors, Punch Drunk Cabaret, and Mitch Belot & Friends.

"It's our 11th year of bringing breweries together in Calgary for a spectacular event, and we have so many craft brewers from Alberta and beyond," says Trevor Bacon of Alberta Beer Festivals. "The craft beer industry is exploding — we expect about 30,000 people to take in Beerfest, sample the artisan brews and delicious foods, enjoy the atmosphere and entertainment and, most importantly, have a great time."

For the sampling event, each guest receives an official sample cup to use throughout the event and take home afterwards. All beer and food can be sampled by buying tokens — 10 for $10 — and each beer sample is four ounces (one-third a bottle of beer).

For the beer connoisseur, there is no better way to enjoy Beerfest than by becoming a VIP beer geek. For an extra $6, beer geeks get their own separate entrance, free access to one cooking with beer seminar, brewmaster seminar, a sampling mug, and first crack at meeting the brewers to sample their beers. Also, the first 100 VIPs through the door each day will get tickets to Calgary Oktoberfest this fall.

And after all the sampling, people will have an opportunity to vote in the people's choice competition.

Tickets to Beerfest can be purchased at albertabeerfestivals.com or in person at Sobeys Grocery, Sobeys Liquor stores or Brewsters restaurants throughout the province.

The team at Two Sergeants Brewing includes president and head brewer Kevin Moore (second from left) and general manager Keith Edwards (second from right). CONTRIBUTED

DEBUTING WITH A BANG

Two military sergeants have combined their knowledge and passion for the military with another love — beer. The result is the new and aptly named Two Sergeants Brewing, A Fort Saskatchewan-based craft brewery making its debut appearance at the Calgary and Edmonton beerfests.

And a splashy debut it is. With the launch of its India Pale Ale called the Bangalore Torpedo (named after an explosive charge used in the First and Second World Wars), Two Sergeants is in competition for rookie of the year and best IPA.

"Most craft beer companies have a signature IPA and ours has a unique spin," says Two Sergeants Brewing president Kevin Moore, who is retiring from 23 years in the military to concentrate on his passion for craft beer. "We're new on the scene and came out aggressively with our IPA, but local craft breweries have been welcoming. They want to see us succeed."

Along with building a buzz about its product through Facebook and social media, especially to a growing market of female craft beer drinkers, Two Sergeants Brewing is using vintage First and Second World War military themes and recruiting posters on its labels and marketing materials, and is available on tap at various craft beer pubs around Edmonton.

Currently available for sale at Sherbrook Liquor, Two Sergeants Brewing will launch a Belgian Wit this summer, and an oatmeal stout this fall.

"We're rolling out our products to build excitement," Moore says. "People are asking for what's next."

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STAR TREK BREW: LIVE LONG AND PROST

If you are looking to have fun during this year's Calgary and Edmonton beer festivals, check out Federation of Beer's newest Star Trek brew — Sindicate Lager: The Orion Seductress — part of the federation's trifecta of artisan brews, including Klingon Warnog and Vulcan Ale.

"Sindicate: The Orion Seductress is an authentic Czech lager, brewed in traditional Czech open fermenters and conditioned for 8 weeks before bottling," says company CEO Vern Raincock. "The brew is naturally carbonated."

Dr. Richard Weger, director of fan engagement, says the brews are the result of a "wild ride" that started at the 2008 Spock Days in Vulcan, Alta.

"In 2013, the first Star Trek licensed brew, Vulcan Ale, was released to celebrate Vulcan, Alberta's centennial," Weger says. "There are several major First Contact events planned in 2016 — Star Trek's 50th anniversary — and the brews are now widely available in Vancouver, Seattle, Las Vegas and Indianapolis."

Paul Carreau, Star Trek fan and member of the company's federation council, says Trekkers aren't the only fans of the brews.

"These are quality, small-batch craft beers, and we look forward to introducing Sindicate lager at the Calgary International Beerfest," says Carreau, who recently helped Garrison Brewing launch Klingon Warnog at Hal Con 2014. "It's a lighter session beer, great to drink over the course of an evening."

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ATB is educating beer lovers

ATB Financial is excited to educate beer lovers about the roots of the beer industry at the upcoming Calgary International Beerfest, says ATB senior agriculture marketing manager Terry Andryo.

"We're deeply entrenched at all aspects of the brewing process from soil to stomach," Andryo says. "Being a financial partner, you become a conduit in the food value chain and we can potentially finance the entire process."

Andryo says the province harvests a tremendous amount of malt grade barley, producing an annual amount equivalent to the making of 12 billion bottles of beer.

"We grow a high quality, two-row barley that is high in enzyme levels, which is beneficial for the brewing process of adjunct reaction, mainly based on our warm days and the cool evenings we experience from the mountain air during the growing season. This plays a big factor in the quality of our barley."

And it's not just the province benefiting, it's the country.

"It's a Canadian fact that over 227,800 jobs are created by the production, marketing, distribution and sale of Canadian beer," he says. "Alberta is a big player in both the big beer brand and craft beer brewing industry. A lot of our farmers really don't even know what brands their barley actually goes into, especially as more craft beers emerge into the marketplace."

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Passionate about craft beer industry

Yukon Brewing strives for brewing balance

Alan Hansen and Bob Baxter, co-owners of Yukon Brewing. CONTRIBUTED

Alan Hansen and Bob Baxter, co-owners of Yukon Brewing, aren't just passionate about their own product — which includes nearly 10 full-time brands of artisan brews — but about all craft beer.

Producing eight styles of packaged beer in Whitehorse for sale mostly in B.C, Alberta, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon, the company also operates a growler system (unique beers that are simply brewed, kegged and served in refillable bottles to on-site customers) and is nearing release of its first single malt whisky.

"We talk about our craft beers being complex but drinkable — we strive for that balance," Baxter says. "The big guys still capture 80 to 90 per cent of the market. They do a great job of making beer with lighter flavour, so we like the seminars at the beer festivals where we can talk to our customers and share information about what makes the styles different and what makes craft beer special."

The Yukon Brewing artisan approach means everything begins with malted grains, whether destined for the Ice Fog IPA, Lead Dog, Yukon Gold or Yukon Red ales or a Midnight Sun espresso stout. The Deadman Creek, Cranberry Wheat and Bonanza Brown-Brown Ale round out the packaged lineup, while seasonal, often one-of-a-kind brews are available to customers in Whitehorse and in Alberta in the 650 ml bomber bottles.

For the Calgary Beerfest, Yukon Brewing will feature 650 ml bombers of their Yukon Holiday Kolsch and a Roggenbock, a German-style beer that features the distinctive taste of malted rye and roasted barley.

"The great thing about being a small brewer is that we don't reject anything—we'll try it and see if it works," Baxter says. "We experiment and learn as we go. That's something the big guys can't do."

FALL LAUNCH

The distillery operation is in full swing and the whisky is in the barrel, so Yukon Brewing is excited about the upcoming fall launch of its inaugural single malt whiskey. The company hopes to sell half of the first batch of whisky and continue aging the rest — age, ingredients, type of barrel and number of barrel uses are all factors in creating a winning whisky, says Yukon Brewing co-owner Bob Baxter. "We're impressed with the complexity of the product. I think it's ready to go."

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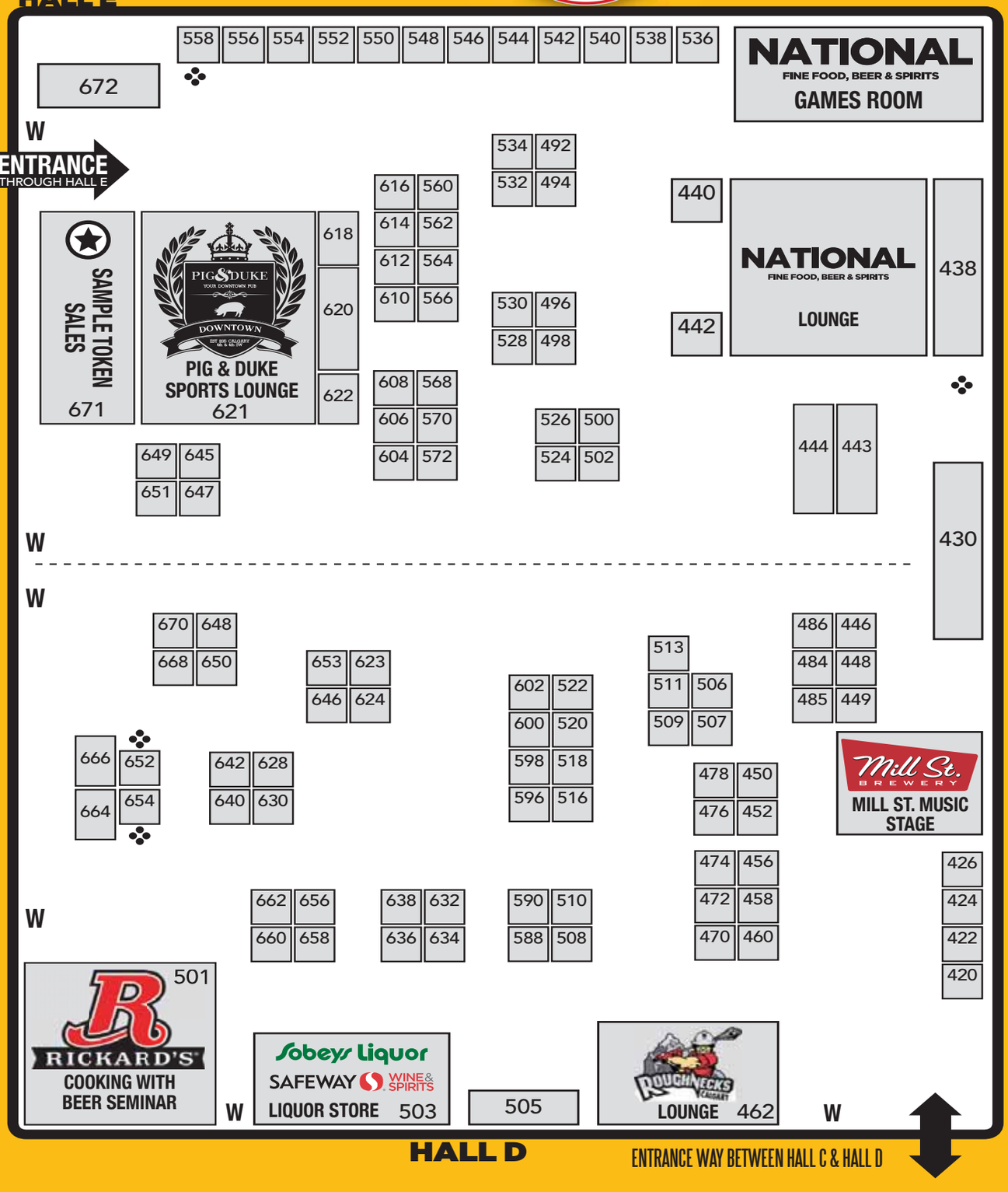

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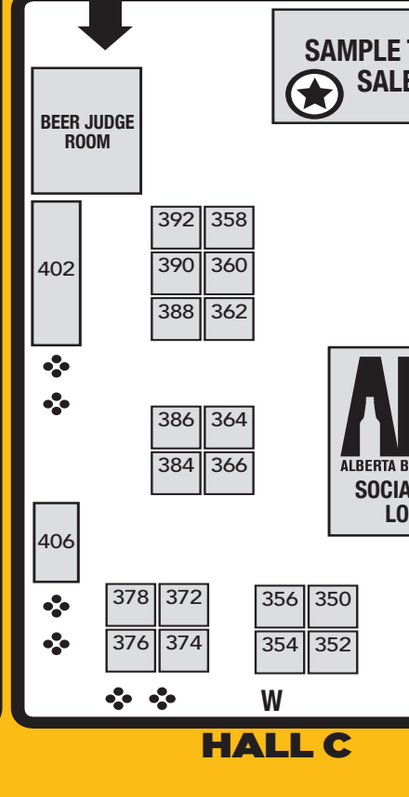

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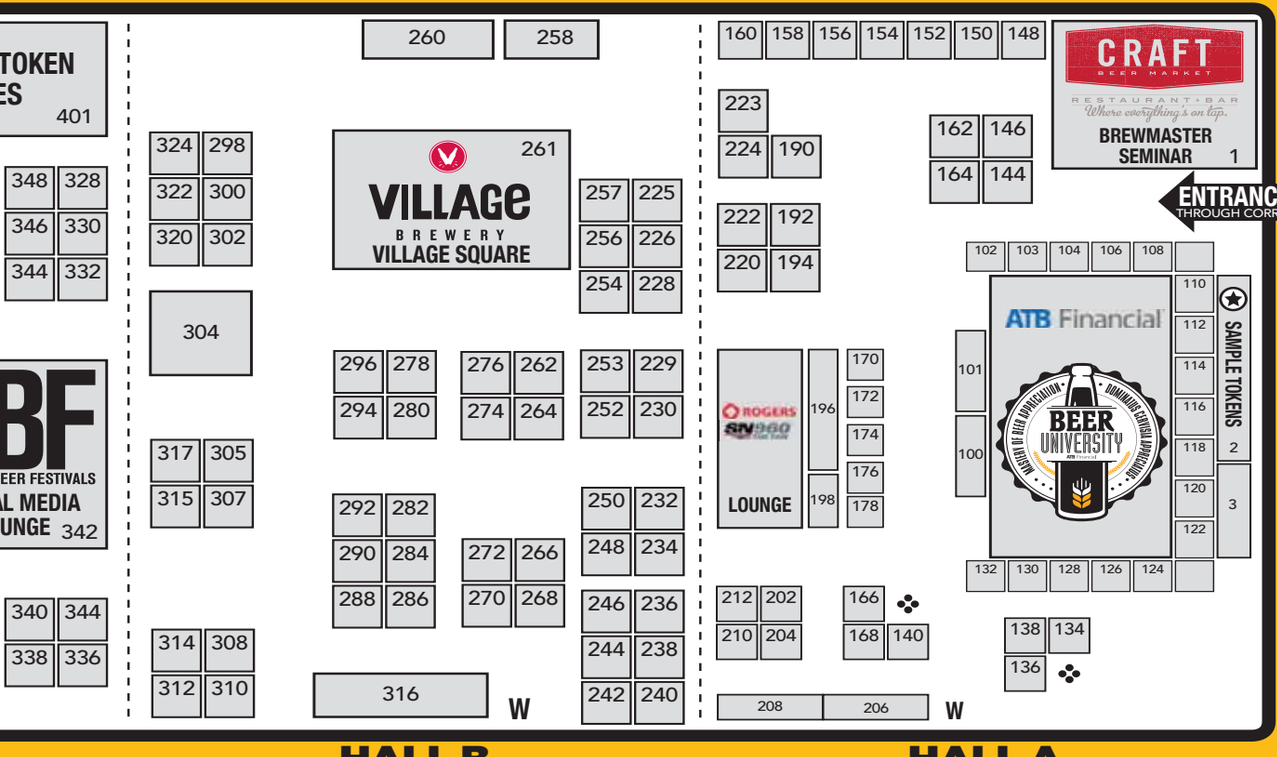

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GOOD TIMES PROMISED FOR ALL

National presenting diverse selection of beer and food

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The good times are getting even better for National, which is participating in the Calgary International Beerfest for the third straight year.

Excited to be joining in another year of festivities, National is known for its diverse selection of craft beer. But it is also known for incredible entertainment, food and fun, says National assistant general manager Christina Bramburger.

"This is our third year having a booth at Calgary International Beerfest and we always try to make our area a destination for food, drink and entertainment," she says.

"Whether you're enjoying beers from other breweries and bringing them to our lounge or grabbing your first taste of Tool Shed's Belgian Dip and enjoying it with friends over a game of Ping-Pong, we want people to be able to gather and meet fellow beer enthusiasts at the National booth."

This year National will be serving Montreal smoked meat sliders.

"The meat is brined and smoked in-house. And we will also be serving our addictive popcorn."

Devo from CabCity will be DJ'ing at the National booth all weekend. Devo hosts the popular BYOV (bring your own vinyl) event at National on 17th every Wednesday night.

"We will be bringing down our favourite records to spin and encourage people to bring their vinyl to the National booth. We are eager to see what people will bring. It's always exciting when someone wants to share a piece of their home collection with us. We will also be setting up Ping-Pong tables at our booth for people to enjoy at their leisure."

New and exciting for National this year is corporate chef Chris Joyce, who will be participating in the cooking with beer seminar Friday at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday at 3:30 p.m. Joyce will be cooking National's newest menu item, pork ribs with a beer caramel sauce.

"There is no shortage of great food, good company and amazing beer this weekend at our booth," Bramburger says. "Our slogan is 'good times' for a reason."

The Calgary International Beerfest runs Friday and Saturday at the BMO Centre.

Dip into new Belgian IPA at National booth

Beer lovers won't want to miss Tool Shed's first seasonal beer at the Calgary International Beerfest.

Tool Shed Brewing Company is one of Calgary's fast-rising craft beer upstarts and all eyes will be on them and National, who have teamed up to release their first seasonal brew at Beerfest this weekend, says National assistant general manager Christina Bramburger.

"It will be poured at the National booth only and exclusive on tap at all four National locations for the following two weeks," she says. "They will be releasing it in cans, as well as on tap at other restaurants after that.

"Called the Belgian Dip, which must be spoken in your best Dr. Evil voice, it is a Belgian IPA. It is brewed with Trappist Belgian yeast and Mosaic and Simcoe hops, which lend a delicious, fruity flavour and aroma. They have spent months dialling down the recipe to find the perfect combination."

Tool Shed and National's partnership goes back to the brewer's roots, as National was its first client after Tool Shed grew from a tool shed into a brewery in just the last year.

"Talking to Graham Sherman, the co-founder of Tool Shed, he mentioned the relationship that National has with Alberta brewers and how the great beers that are currently being brewed Calgary — and poured at National — have motivated them to want to make a better product," Bramburger says. "The Belgian Dip is a giant leap in that direction."

"We're very excited for this beer and honoured to be pouring it for everyone at the festival. Working closely with Calgary brewers is one of the highlights of what we do at National and what we represent."

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With so many beer lovers discovering craft brews, it's natural for Alberta Beer Festivals to include beer education as part of the festivities. In addition to sampling artisan brews from more than 140 brewers and 500 beers at the Calgary International Beerfest, patrons can increase their beer knowledge via the brewmaster seminars hosted by Craft Beer Market, Rickards cooking with beer seminar, or ATB Financial beer university.

Beer university is new to Beerfest, and offers a chance to increase your "beer-Q" while learning about beer from grain to glass. Discover the history of beer, beer styles, what goes into beer and how beer is made from gurus at Grainswest Magazine, Alberta Barley, Alberta Wheat, Hops Canada Olds College Brewery, ABF Beer School and more.

"We're the breadbasket of Canada," says says Trevor Bacon, director of communications with Alberta Beer Festivals. "Our farmers grow some of the best ingredients that go into beer, and we have those people here at Beer U to help answer the questions to the MBA (master beer appreciation) program so everyone can graduate with beer honours.

"And with the Olds College brewmaster program, we expect to see more new breweries and more exciting things ahead in the Alberta craft beer industry."

Not like your average classroom, the beer master seminar hosted by the Craft Beer Market will make learning about different styles of beer a fun educational experience. Get the inside story about craft beer straight from local, national, and international brewmasters, distributors and brewery representatives while sampling some of the beer they brought just for you to try.

And who doesn't love matching beer with food? The Rickard's cooking with beer seminar will offer great recipes from Calgary's top chefs, explain industry secrets and teach the finer points of beer pairings. As a bonus, participants get to try the tasty samples. And remember, beer geek VIPs get in free to the seminar of their choice.

"We strive to educate our fellow Albertans on all things beer related, aiming to create a brew culture with positive experiences for everyone," says Bacon.

Seminars run throughout Beerfest, which is open for general admission Friday from 4-10 p.m. and Saturday from 2-9 p.m.; VIP admission is one hour earlier.

Calgary International Beerfest tickets can be purchased online at albertabeerfestivals.com or in person at Sobeys Grocery, Sobeys Liquor stores or Brewsters restaurant locations throughout the province.

TICKET INFO

Tickets to Beerfest are available online at albertabeerfestivals.com for $19 advance, $30 for a weekend pass, and $25/$40 weekend for the beer geek VIP pass. Single-day tickets are $25 at the door.

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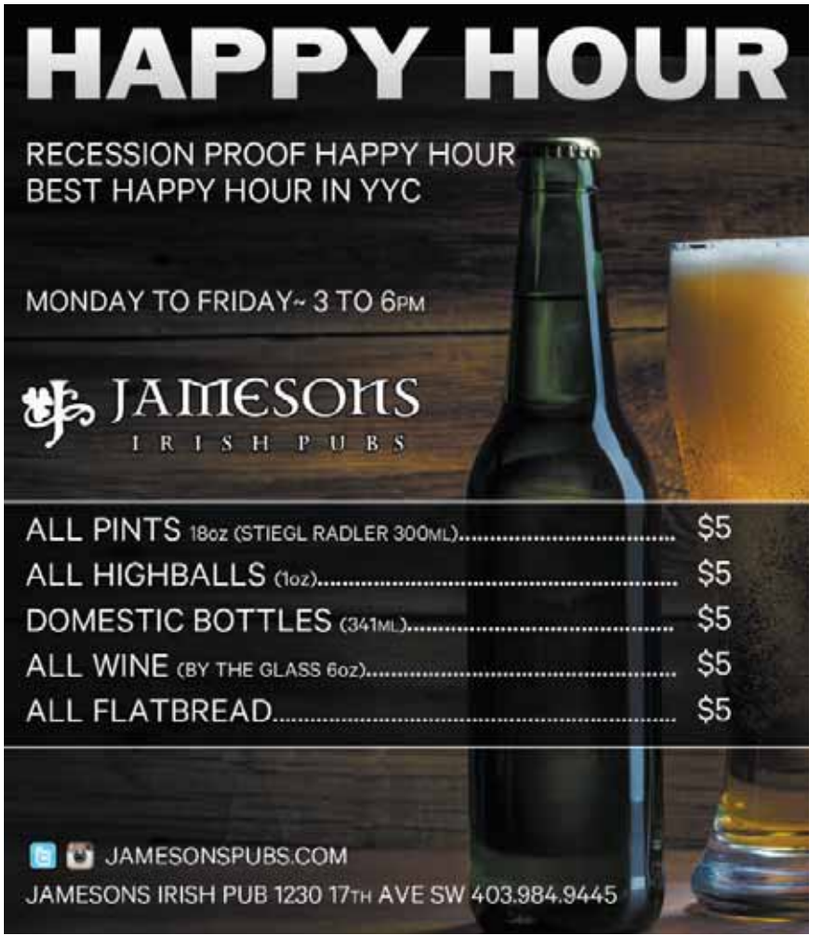
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A LOCAL FLAVOUR FOCUS

It's the perfect time to get familiar with Jamesons Pubs craft beer selections at the Calgary International Beerfest.

Jamesons on 17th Avenue has 36 taps and a dozen types of craft beer, with the pub helping grow the popular trend in local and sustainable selections, says marketing director Heidi Cormier.

"I think people might be surprised to learn about our craft beer selection; it's a great variety with a focus on local suppliers."

Some of the local craft beer Jamesons carries includes beer stalwarts Wildrose Brewery and upstarts Tool Shed, Village and Last Best Breweries. There is also selection from some of the larger craft breweries, such as Goose Island IPA and Goose Island Honker's.

"The taste and quality of these local selections are second to none."

In fact, Jamesons Pubs, which operates two pubs, makes a point of using locally produced products every chance they get.

"We think it's important to focus on local and sustainable foods and drinks, and it's great because society is catching on to that trend as well and it's the future of this industry. If we can go local, we do. From our beer to our food, even our hand soap, we are always looking to work with local Alberta companies that have high-quality products. It's what our patrons deserve."

Jamesons Pubs will be at the upcoming Calgary International Beer Fest with a bigger presence than ever.

"Every year the festival gets bigger and everyone keeps upping their game. We just want to keep raising the bar higher and higher each year. It's going to be a lot of fun."

Nigerian soldiers man a checkpoint in Gwoza, Nigeria, on Wednesday. The town has been newly liberated from Boko Haram. LEKAN OYEKANMI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

NIGERIA

Rescued girls need psychological care

Some of the nearly 300 girls and women freed by Nigeria's military from the forest stronghold of Boko Haram were so transformed by their captivity that they opened fire on their rescuers, and experts said Wednesday they would need intensive psychological treatment.

The military was flying in medical and intelligence teams to evaluate the former captives, many of whom were severely traumatized, said army spokesman Col. Sani Usman.

He said earlier that none of the schoolgirls kidnapped from the northeastern town of Chibok a year ago appeared to be among the 200 girls and 93 women rescued Tuesday. But on Wednesday he said further screening was needed before their identities could be determined.

A counsellor who has treated other women freed from Boko Haram said some had become indoctrinated into believing the group's Islamic extremist ideology, while others had established strong emotional attachments to militants they had been forced to marry.

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Aid reaches villages near quake centre

NEPAL

Long lines for buses out of Kathmandu

The first supplies of food aid began reaching remote, earthquake-shattered mountain villages in Nepal on Wednesday, while thousands clamoured to board buses out of Kathmandu, either to check on rural relatives or for fear of spending yet another night in the damaged capital.

Frustration over the slow delivery of aid boiled over in a protest in the city, with about 200 people facing off with police and blocking traffic.

The protest was comparatively small, and no demonstrators were detained. But it reflected growing anger over bottlenecks that delayed much-needed relief four days after the powerful earthquake that killed more than 5,000 people, injured twice that many and left tens of thousands homeless. Police, meanwhile, arrested dozens of people on suspicion of looting or causing panic by spreading rumours of another big quake.

Helicopters finally brought food, temporary shelter and other aid to hamlets north of Kathmandu in the mountainous Gorkha District near the epicentre of Saturday's 7.8-magnitude quake. Entire clusters of homes there were reduced to piles of stone and splintered wood. Women greeted the delivery with repeated cries of "We are hungry!"

While the death toll in the village of Gumda was low — five people were killed and 20 were injured among 1,300 residents — most had lost their homes and desperately needed temporary shelter. Adding to residents' misery was the rain that has fallen periodically since the quake and hampered helicopter aid flights.

The UN World Food Program warned that it will take time for food and other supplies to reach more remote communities that have been cut off by landslides.

"More helicopters, more personnel and certainly more relief supplies, including medical teams, shelter, tents, water and sanitation and food, are obviously needed," said the program's Geoff Pinnock.

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Volunteers carry bags of food from a cargo truck to an aid helicopter in Majuwa village, near the epicentre of Saturday's massive earthquake, in the Gorkha District of Nepal on Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAW REFORM

U.S. court rulings create double standard for 'high crime' areas

When police spotted Freddie Gray and he took off running through his Baltimore neighbourhood, officers made a split-second decision to give chase, setting in motion his death in custody and rioting in the streets.

Fleeing from police is not, by itself, illegal in America, and the U.S. Supreme Court has made it clear that in safe neighbourhoods, people not suspected of criminal activity can ignore a police officer who approaches them, even to the point of walking away. But courts have set a different standard for places where street crime is common, ruling that police can chase, stop and frisk people if their location contributes to a suspicion of criminal activity. This double standard is having a major impact as more black men die in encounters with police around the country.

"Folks who are going to be the most intimidated or scared of the police are the same people in places where the Supreme Court has said, 'If you run from police, that's suspicion,'" said Ezekiel Edwards, director of the Criminal Law Reform Project at the American Civil Liberties Union.

Edwards is among the legal experts who say unprovoked flight shouldn't justify a chase: "If you can walk away, you can run away. It shouldn't matter the speed at which you move away."

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INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Australia recalls ambassador as Indonesia executes convicts

Australia said it would withdraw its ambassador to Indonesia after two Australians were among eight drug traffickers executed by the Southeast Asian country on Wednesday, but it was wary of escalating hostilities with its neighbour despite a public outcry.

The executions by firing squad of the eight men — two Australians, four Nigerians, a Brazilian and an Indonesian — attracted international condemnation and intense Australian media coverage.

The UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights said given that Indonesia has asked for clemency for its own nationals facing execution in other countries, "it is incomprehensible why it absolutely refuses to grant clemency for lesser crimes on its own territory."

But there was unexpected joy in the Philippines, where the government won an 11th-hour stay of execution for a Filipina woman also on death row on a drug conviction.

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott reacted swiftly, announcing that Ambassador Paul Grigson would be recalled this week even before the executions of Myuran Sukumaran, 33, and Andrew Chan, 31, were officially confirmed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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FLORIDA ON TOP OF THE EYE Daredevil performer Nik Wallenda waves to the crowd below after he walked untethered along the rim of the Orlando Eye, the city's new, 400-foot observation wheel on Wednesday in Orlando, Fla. The walk was done in advance of the attraction's public opening next month. JOHN RAOUX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama cuts back on deportations

ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

Authorities to focus on those who pose security threat

U.S. President Barack Obama has failed to live up to a campaign promise to push through immigration legislation, but he has met a post-election pledge to slow deportations with or without approval from Congress.

Since October, the Homeland Security Department has sent home the fewest illegal immigrants since Obama took office in 2009, according to internal government data obtained by The Associated Press.

In fact, with 127,000 removals through the first six months of the government's fiscal year that started in October, the administration is on track to remove the fewest immigrants since the middle of former president George W. Bush's second term in 2006.

Beginning shortly before his re-election in 2012, Obama has taken a series of steps to slow deportations, including creating a program to allow some young immigrants to work in the country for up to two years at a time.

His effort to shield more than 4 million immigrants from deportation by expanding that protection program to the parents of U.S. citizens and legal permanent residents is on hold after a federal judge in Texas blocked its start.

But the legal wrangling and an ongoing standoff with congressional Republicans hasn't stopped the slowdown.

In 2012, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) sent home a record of more than 409,000 immigrants, but since then the agency's work has steadily slowed.

The latest figures, contained in weekly internal reports not publicly reported, show that ICE sent home an average of about 19,730 people a month for the first six months of the budget year.

19,730

The average number of immigrants sent home per month during the first six months of the budget year, which started in October.

If that trend continues, the government will remove about 236,000 by September — the lowest figure since 2006, when 207,776 people were sent home.

As the legal fight over Obama's latest executive action continues, Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson has directed immigration authorities to focus on finding and deporting immigrants who pose a national-security or public-safety threat, those who have serious criminal records and those who have recently crossed the Mexican border.

Roughly 11 million immigrants are thought to be living in the country illegally.

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ARMS CONTROL

'De-alert' missiles: Ex-general

Taking U.S. and Russian missiles off high alert could keep a possible cyberattack from starting a nuclear war, a former commander of U.S. nuclear forces says, but neither country appears willing to increase the lead-time to prepare the weapons for launch.

Retired Gen. James Cartwright said in an interview that "de-alerting" nuclear arsenals could foil hackers by reducing the chance of firing a weapon in response to a false warning of attack.

Essentially adding a longer fuse can be done without eroding the weapons' deterrent value, said Cartwright, who headed Strategic Command from 2004 to 2007 and was vice-chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff before retiring in 2011.

The Obama administration has considered and rejected the idea before of taking nuclear missiles off high alert. There appears to be little near-term chance that Moscow would agree to pursue this or any other kind of nuclear arms control measure, given the deteriorating U.S.-Russian relations after Russia's intervention in eastern Ukraine.

The U.S. and Russia also are at odds over a U.S. accusation that Moscow is violating a treaty banning medium-range nuclear missiles.

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Two years ago the Pentagon's Defence Science Board reported that "most of the systems" in the U.S. nuclear arsenal had not been fully assessed to understand possible weak spots in the event of an all-out cyberattack.

LANDMARK TREATY

Iran to help draft nuclear deal

Iran's foreign minister says his country and world powers will meet Thursday to start bringing together the elements of a draft on a comprehensive nuclear deal, with meetings starting Monday in Europe to finalize all its elements.

Foreign Minister Javad Zarif said at an event Wednesday in New York that even though Iran certainly wants to meet the June 30 deadline for an agreement, "no time deadline is sacrosanct."

He met with Secretary of State John Kerry on Monday.

Zarif says Iran expects UN sanctions to be lifted within a few days of a deal. And he expects President Barack Obama will have to stop implementing U.S. sanctions on his country. "How he does is his problem," Zarif said.

He also took aim at Israel's prime minister, who has been a fierce critic of the attempt to reach a deal with Iran over its nuclear program and who went as far as addressing Congress over the issue, to Obama's displeasure. Iran insists its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes.

Zarif called Benjamin Netanyahu's criticism "ironic but laughable."

"Netanyahu has become everyone's non-proliferation guru. He is sitting on 400 nuclear warheads," the foreign minister said.

Israel has never publicly declared any nuclear weapons.

Zarif spoke on the sidelines as world powers meet at the UN to discuss progress on a landmark treaty toward nuclear disarmament.

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Capsule will not reach station

SPACE

Provisions will last despite lost food, clothes, water shipment

American astronaut Scott Kelly and Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Kornienko, left, aboard the International Space Station on Wednesday. NASA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A Russian supply capsule that went into an uncontrollable spin after launch was declared a total loss Wednesday, but astronauts at the International Space Station said they will get by without the delivery of fresh food, water, clothes and equipment.

"We should be OK," NASA astronaut Scott Kelly assured The Associated Press. "I think we're going to be in good shape."

Kelly and Russian Mikhail Kornienko, the space station's one-year crew members, said during an interview that flight controllers had given up trying to command the cargo carrier. NASA and the Russian Space Agency later confirmed the news.

The unmanned Progress vessel, bearing three tons of goods, began tumbling when it reached orbit Tuesday after it launched from Kazakhstan.

Igor Komarov, the head of Russian space agency Roscosmos, cited a lack of pressure in the main block of the propulsion system in the decision to abort the mission.

Kelly said the craft will fall out of orbit and re-enter the atmosphere. Russian reports indicated a re-entry possibly next week. The capsule is expected to burn up harmlessly in the atmosphere, as is the case for all Progress carriers, once they have delivered their shipments and are filled with trash.

Six people currently live on the space station: two Americans, one Italian and three Russians. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Royal couple await their second child

Prince William and the Duchess of Cambridge are marking their fourth wedding anniversary while waiting for the birth of their second child.

The former Kate Middleton is expected to give birth in the coming days. Palace officials have said she is due in late April. Their first child, Prince George, was born at the Lindo Wing in 2013.

The couple celebrated their anniversary at Kensington Palace.

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Less Beijing air pollution led to bigger babies: Study

Women in the Chinese capital in the final stage of pregnancy during the 2008 Beijing Olympics — when officials strictly controlled air pollution — gave birth to heavier babies than in years when the city was smoggier, a study said Wednesday.

Babies born to mothers in their eighth month of pregnancy during the 2008 Summer Games were on average 23 grams heavier than those born either a year earlier or a year later.

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SPACECRAFT

Messenger's voyage to end with crater

NASA's Mercury-orbiting spacecraft, Messenger, is going out with a bang this week, adding a hefty crater to the little planet closest to the sun.

The first spacecraft to circle Mercury, Messenger is expected to slip out of orbit and slam into Mercury on Thursday following a successful four-year tour of the rocky planet.

The spacecraft will be travelling 14,081 km/h when it hits, fast enough to carve out a crater 16 metres wide.

The spacecraft itself stretches three metres, solar wingtip to wingtip.

Messenger has run out of fuel, but ground controllers managed in recent weeks to eke out some extra life, raising its orbit by dipping into helium-gas reserves not originally intended for use as fuel.

But now that's all gone, and Messenger is at the mercy of gravity.

"I guess the end is coming," the Messenger team said via Twitter earlier this week.

"After 10 years, (the) spacecraft will end life as just another crater on Mercury's surface." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

AN EPIC TRIP

Roundabout flight

Messenger rocketed away from Cape Canaveral, Fla., in August 2004. It flew twice past Venus and three times past Mercury before entering orbit around Mercury in March 2011.

Scientific discoveries

Messenger has revealed volcanic deposits in Mercury that are helping to explain the planet's important eruptive and interior-melting past; polar caps of frozen water at or near the surface; and incredible global shrinkage thanks to a cooling interior.

Smashing end

On Thursday, Messenger is expected to crash into the far side of Mercury. Scientists expect to gather information until 10 to 15 minutes before its fatal plunge. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Unequal pay 'pure scandal'

EMPLOYMENT

Pope blasts 'machismo' attitudes about family roles

Pope Francis added his voice Wednesday to the feminist anthem of equal pay for equal work, saying it's "pure scandal" that women earn less than men for doing the same job.

Francis also lambasted the attitude of those who blame the crisis in families on women getting out of the house to work. He said such attitudes are a form of "machismo" that shows how men "want to dominate women."

Francis made the comments during his Wednesday general audience, which he has been devoting to different aspects of family life before a big meeting on family issues in October.

Francis said the "radical equality" that Christianity proposes between husband and wife must bear new fruit.

"We should support with decisiveness the right to equal pay for equal work," he said. "Why is it a given that women must earn less than men? No! They have the same rights. The disparity is pure scandal."

Francis has spoken out frequently about how the Catholic Church in general must give greater value to the "feminine genius," and has called for women to take on greater decision-making roles in the church, though he has ruled out women's ordination or having women head Vatican congregations.

> **We should support with decisiveness the right to equal pay for equal work.**
> Pope Francis

Only about 18 per cent of Holy See employees are women, up from 17 per cent four years ago. Currently, only two women hold the rank of undersecretary in a Vatican department.

While speaking out about the need for a greater role for women in the church, the 78-year-old Argentine Jesuit has raised eyebrows with some seemingly tone-deaf comments: He has said Europe in many places resembles an "infertile" grandmother. He has urged nuns not to be "old maids." And he once welcomed new female members of the church's most prestigious theological commissions as "strawberries on the cake."

On Wednesday, he came to women's defence. He took the biblical Adam to task for having blamed Eve for having given him the forbidden apple. "It's always the women's fault," Francis said sarcastically. "Poor woman! We must defend women!"

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Pope Francis arrives for his weekly general audience in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican on Wednesday. ALESSANDRA TARANTINO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MCMASTER UNIVERSITY

Female faculty getting pay bump

Female faculty at McMaster University will be getting a raise after a two-year study showed differences in salary between the sexes at the Hamilton school.

The analysis found that female faculty members earned, on average, $3,515 less than their male counterparts in 2012 and 2013 — even after adjustments were made based on seniority, tenure, faculty and age.

"We should have been addressing this, but the issue has come to the fore, we've addressed it, done the analysis and are making the adjustment," said David Wilkinson, the university's provost and academic vice president.

The pay adjustment will be made on July 1.

The report also recommended updating the harassment policy, ensuring equitable hiring practices, and leadership opportunities for women.

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ADVERTISING

Beer company sorry for Bud Light slogan

Bud Light should have kept the word "No" handy in this case.

Anheuser-Busch is apologizing for ad copy that appeared on bottles saying Bud Light removes the word "no" from drinkers' vocabulary.

Photos of the bottles went viral on social media Tuesday with widespread complaints about the slogan, particularly at a time of national debate about college rape.

"The perfect beer for removing 'no' from your vocabulary for the night," the copy read in full.

The response on social media ranged from crude jokes to criticism that the slogan is part of a culture that tacitly condones sexual assault.

The slogan is part of the brewer's two-year-old "Up for Whatever" campaign. The company says there are waves of the bottle-message campaign that includes more than 140 different messages — with new ones released every few months — intended to "encourage brand engagement." They said this particular one missed the mark, and the company regrets it.

Other messages on bottles include: "The perfect beer for dropping everything and going to Paris, even if it's the one in Texas" and "The perfect beer for being that guy people know when they say they 'know a guy.'"

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Bud Light's owners have apologized for a message on one of its beer bottle labels some believe condones sexual assault. IMGUR

IN BRIEF

Easing into retirement

A new survey suggests more than half of Canadians either plan to ease into retirement by working reduced hours or have no plans to ever quit working.

The report by HSBC found that 45 per cent of working-age Canadians expect some period of semi-retirement before fully packing it in, while 15 per cent expect to never fully retire. The online survey by HSBC was part of a global review of some 16,000 working and retired people in 15 countries and territories, including Canada.

The Marketing Research and Intelligence Association said a margin of error can't be applied to an online survey as it is not a random sample. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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NDP win in West won't bother PM

POLITICS
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One does not need to be a particularly astute parliamentary observer to notice the spring in the step of Stephen Harper's MPs these days.

In the wake of a federal budget that they believe will secure the continued allegiance of the voters that gave the party a majority four years ago, the ruling Conservatives are oozing renewed confidence in their re-election prospects.

By the same token, they seem to be taking in stride the unexpected turn of the Alberta election campaign and the possible demise of that province's Conservative dynasty.

It is not that the latest illustration of the time-tested notion that the electorate can undo the best-laid plans of over-confident politicians is not giving some government MPs pause.

Nor are Harper's Conservatives in collective denial over the possibility that the NDP could make a historical breakthrough in their party's heartland.

But federal Conservative discomfort over the Alberta campaign is offset by the fact that — regardless of the outcome of next week's vote — the dynamics that have turned the election into a three-way battle between the Wildrose, the NDPs and the Tories are not about to be replicated on the federal scene next fall.

What has propelled the Alberta New Democrats to a competitive position is a split on the right between two warring conservative factions, combined with the fact that NDP Leader Rachel Notley decisively dominates her non-conservative competition.

If the recipe sounds familiar, it is a variation on the formula that led to Jean Chrétien's three successive majority victories. The key ingredients at the federal level were the Reform/Tory schism and a federal NDP on its knees after a bruising experience in power in Ontario.

These days the shoe is on the other foot, with three national parties fighting for the territory to the left of a united Conservative party.

A fractured right in Alberta might not bode well for that unity when the time comes to choose a successor to Harper, but it is not a major impediment to the more immediate task of winning a fourth mandate.

Regardless of the ongoing tensions within the Conservative movement, the prime minister can reasonably expect all hands in Alberta to be on deck for his own re-election campaign next fall.

In another contrast with Alberta, the federal Liberals and New Democrats have in Justin Trudeau and Thomas Mulcair leaders with distinct but undeniable skills. That will make it hard for one party to crush the other on the way to uniting non-conservative voters against Harper in the fall.

If the recipe sounds familiar, it's a variation on the formula that led to Chretien's three successive majority victories.

If anything, the campaign developments in Alberta make that federal scenario even less likely.

The emergence of the NDP as a serious contender for government in Alberta reinforces Mulcair's hand at a crucial time in the pre-election calendar.

The Liberal strategy for the fall election is in no small part predicated on driving home the argument that only Trudeau has a fighting chance to beat Harper. With polls reporting a softening in Liberal support nationally, that narrative has taken a hit this spring.

The Alberta developments compound that hit. They go some way to counter the narrative that there is simply not a critical mass of voters outside Quebec willing to consider the NDP as a credible governing option.

There are some Conservative strategists who feel that anything that is good for the NDP — including a strong showing against Jim Prentice's Tories in Alberta — is also good for Harper. But that is true only up to a certain point.

Four years ago, fears of a surging NDP drove a contingent of Liberal sympathizers into the Conservative fold. Those voters contributed to making the difference between a minority and a majority Harper victory.

Since Trudeau became leader, many have returned home. The less they fear an NDP government, the less likely they are to jump ship to the Conservatives again.

Moreover, in at least some regions of the country, the wall that the Conservatives assume insulates their vote from NDP inroads may be less thick than they believe.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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"How can women stay in a faith that demeans them?"

Feminist. Pro-choice. Pro-gay marriage. Catholic.

For this odd cocktail of beliefs, I've often called myself a "bad Catholic." I've sat uncomfortably in a no man's land between the sometimes discriminatory and tone-deaf doctrine of the church, and the faith that I cherish.

But the wonderfully bull-headed feminist activist American nuns and central characters of the new documentary Radical Grace have little time for shame. Their decades-long struggle to drag the Catholic Church into modernity is an act, in the words of Sister Christine Schenk, of "radical faithfulness."

The documentary, which had its world premiere at Hot Docs in Toronto on Tuesday, is a funny, fast-paced window into the battle between U.S. nuns and conservative elements of the Catholic Church over the past four years.

The nuns' aggressive politicking in support of President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act — which covered family planning — has drawn the ire of U.S. bishops. In 2012, the Vatican condemned the nuns for "radical feminist themes incompatible with the Catholic faith." (If women's equality is "radical," Schenk quips in the film, "guilty as charged.")

The film asks how these women can stay in a faith that demeans their work and questions their spirituality. For that matter, how can I?

But we are far from alone. In the U.S., 60 per cent of Catholics support gay marriage, according to Pew Research polling from 2014. A 2013 Ipsos Reid survey found three-quarters of Canadian Catholics agree women should be ordained as priests, and even more said priests should be able to marry.

The late Sister Jean Hughes, an affable woman who worked with ex-convicts, wonders in the film if she's "propping up an organization that doesn't believe that same things I do."

Or maybe, as U.S. Bishop Thomas Paprocki, appointed by the Vatican to oversee the U.S. nuns, states in misogynistic arrogance, "The question is: Are you still religious? Are you still nuns?"

I put that question to Schenk, but she countered: "Who is drawing the lines?"

"Too many Catholics grew up handing over their own moral conscience decision-making to whatever the Father said," she told me. "That kept them infantile in their faith."

Even progressive Pope Francis — champion of the poor and a more open church — rejects women's ordination.

"He doesn't get it with women, still," Schenk said.

Her vision of the future of my faith is compelling, but the most profound gift of Radical Grace is not that. It's these women, their humour and compassion and their guts, corroborating the truth: I do, in fact, belong.

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Sick beets, Kendrick! Lamar now has his own salad called Beets Don't Kale My Vibe

Her grandfather was a Nazi

GENEALOGY

New book tells of a woman's journey of self discovery

Emily Laurence
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Growing up in Germany, Jennifer Teege knew little about her biological family. Her adoption was open, so she knew the names of her mother and father, and was in sporadic contact with her mother and grandmother until she was seven. But she had little information beyond that.

It wasn't until decades later as an adult that she happened to pull a library book off the shelf, with a photo on the cover that looked vaguely familiar. The book's title, translated to English, was: I Have to Love My Father, Right?, and was written by her biological mother.

Upon realizing the book was about her family history, Teege also shockingly discovered that her grandfather was Amon Goeth, the Nazi commandant who was played by Ralph Fiennes in Schindler's List.

Metro spoke to Teege about her journey of self-discovery and writing her own recently released book, titled My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me.

Do you think growing up in an adoptive family made you more curious about your family history than you would have been otherwise?
I think in general, when you're adopted, there's a piece missing so you always want to find out more. In my case, I was so obviously (adopted) because of the colour of my skin; I looked different from my adoptive family. So there was a part of my identity that I needed to explore.

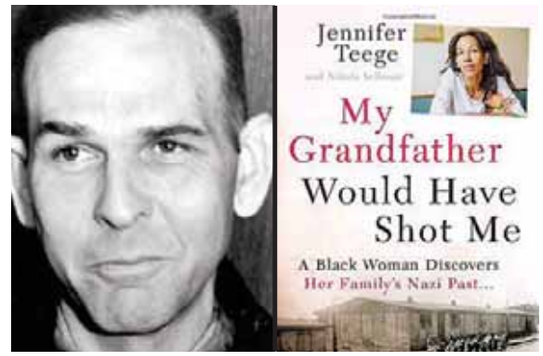
What was it like finding the book, when you discovered this big family secret?
It was a twofold shock. First, I had this book in my hand about my mother and I hadn't seen my mother in many, many years. Suddenly this book was telling (a story about) my mother I had no knowledge about. The second shock was actually reading the book and learning about her, my grandmother and my grandfather.

After finding the book, you started researching and even reconnected with your mother. What prompted you to keep digging?
That's my personality. It was impossible for me to stop. I think finding out the truth is something someone should do. If feelings come up, you can't just put them in a closet. It will haunt you or come back to you, like a boomerang.

What was it like reconnecting with your mother?
It took me a year and a half to actually contact my mother because in the very beginning I was angry. Not only did my mother never tell me that this book existed, I wasn't even in it. But over time, I realized my mother was like this because of her past and upbringing. My mother suffered from the past even more than me because my grandfather was her father. But I think it's important to acknowledge this feeling of anger because if you pretend it's not there, it will always come back.

Have you had any memorable responses to the book?
So many. It was important to me that the book was published in Israel and when that happened, people received me with open arms. I got a chance to meet with survivors (of the Holocaust) and that was a very important step in my journey. Also, the book is widely talked about in Germany, a place where the Holocaust is not widely discussed within the families. But I don't feel the need to connect to other descendants of perpetrators. Dealing with that is very individual. I don't let (my ancestry) define me. I can't deny it, but it's only one part.

Jennifer Teege, author of My Grandfather Would Have Shot Me, discovered she was the granddaughter of notorious Nazi commandant Amon Goeth. CONTRIBUTED



Amon Goeth, left, and the cover of Teege's book. CONTRIBUTED

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Taking Eva Mendes at face value

CELEBRITY

Estée Lauder's latest visage, actress chooses projects wisely

Announced as the latest face of Estée Lauder this week, actress Eva Mendes has had a brilliant career so far, between her roles on screen and on the set of fashion and beauty campaigns.

And yet, the 41-year-old Hollywood star has always kept a relatively low profile and remained loyal to the brands she represents. Here is a look back at her spokesmodel career.

Mendes has been appointed as the ambassador for the New Dimension skincare line.

Estée Lauder is expected to roll out the first images from the new campaign in the coming weeks — not bad for an actress and model who early in her career appeared in '90s music videos including Will Smith's Miami, Pet Shop Boys' Se a vida é (That's the way life is) and Aerosmith's There's a Hole in My Soul.

One of Mendes' prestigious partnerships was with Vogue Eyewear. CHARLEY GALLAY/GETTY IMAGES FOR VOGUE EYEWEAR

Mendes doesn't go overboard in trying to get herself noticed. She has steered clear of photo scandals, social media over-sharing or dramatic physical transformations (even her hairstyle has remained the same for years).

Never spreading herself too thin, the actress and new mom carefully considers a new commitment before taking it on, whether for a film role or a brand tie-up. As a result, she has forged lasting partnerships with a number of prestigious cosmetics and apparel companies.

After taking some time out to care for her baby daughter with husband Ryan Gosling, this spring Mendes launched her own makeup line called CIRCA.

The brand from Maesa Group is an old-Hollywood, glamour-themed line with products priced between $8 and $15 and designed to work for different skin tones.

While she may have posed for a relatively small number of fashion and beauty brands, those she has collaborated with are enviable: the fiery brunette clearly puts quality over quantity.

In 2008, Mendes partnered with Calvin Klein to star in campaigns for the Secret Obsession fragrance, the Body line, the Fall-Winter 2009 Underwear collection, and the Fall-Winter 2009 and Spring-Summer 2010 Jeans collections.

In 2011, the actress became the face of Thierry Mugler's iconic fragrance Angel, following in the footsteps of Naomi Watts. Mendes remains associated with the perfume, although Georgia May Jagger has since taken her place as the official spokesmodel.

Since then, Mendes has posed in campaigns for Reebok's Easytone sneakers and, in 2013 and 2014, for the Vogue Eyewear.

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Use gum to pop that earworm

STUDY

Research says chewing gum is good for getting a song out of head

Scientists call them earworms — the annoying songs that play in our heads — and chewing gum could be the best way to get rid of them, according to a team at the University of Reading in the U.K.

Sometimes called tune wedgies, earworms are a form of involuntary musical memory, says lead author Dr. Philip Beaman.

He says chewing gum is similar to speaking inside your head, the latter of which has been proven to interfere with short-term memory and auditory images.

In the first of three experiments, 44 participants listened twice to the chorus of the song Play Hard by David Guetta featuring Flo Rida and Akon, approximately the first 30 seconds.

They were given no gum, and the first time they were asked to try not to think about the music for three minutes after hearing it, but the next time no such restriction was set.

A computer keyboard was at their disposal in both circumstances and they were asked to press the 'q' key each time they thought of the song.

This was repeated with gum and participants were asked to chew vigorously.

This time, the 'q' key was pressed significantly less.

In the second experiment, 18 participants saw the same conditions with the exception that they were asked to differentiate whether they thought of the song itself or whether it was actually playing in their heads.

Without the gum the song played significantly more times in participants' heads than with the gum.

The study was published in The Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology. AFP

Chewing gum could be the best way to stop annoying songs from playing in your head, according to new research. ISTOCK

TECHNOLOGY

Parents worried kids are 'hooked'

Until now, few studies have tackled the question of how technology is affecting family life and new research says parents wonder if their children would be better off without the mobile devices that have become ingrained in the daily regimen.

The research team conducted in-depth interviews in both one-on-one and small group settings.

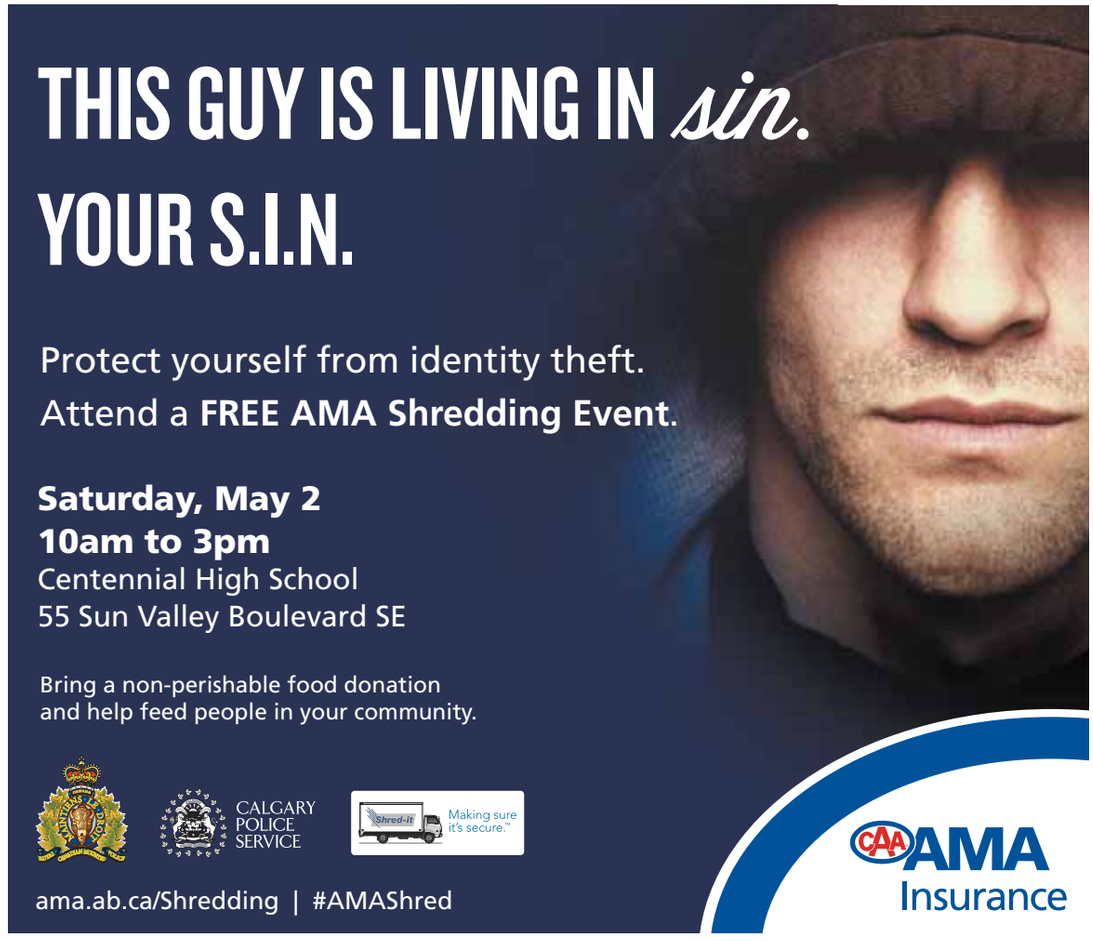
Caregivers expressed discomfort with the technology in their charges' hands, according to the study, reporting that they felt obliged to purchase tablets for school success.

Parents worried about heavy use of the gadgets to the point where they described their children as "hooked" or "addicted."

Their main fears were that interacting with screens instead of peers would reduce social skills, creativity and independent thinking.

Yet there are benefits, and participants in the study appeared to be well aware, citing brain-teaser games and the low price of apps compared to toys. AFP

Parents are concerned that smartphones will reduce their kids' creativity. ISTOCK



DIABETES

Obesity in pregnancy may put kids at risk

Women who are obese while pregnant may put their offspring at risk of childhood diabetes, a condition that requires lifelong insulin therapy, Swedish researchers said Tuesday.

A study of more than 1.2 million children born in Sweden between 1992 and 2004 and monitored for several years, found a 33 per cent higher risk for the disease among children whose mothers were obese during the first trimester of pregnancy, but were not diabetic themselves.

"Maternal overweight and obesity in early pregnancy were associated with increased risk of Type 1 diabetes in the offspring of parents without diabetes," a team wrote in Diabetologia, the journal of the European Association for the Study of Diabetes.

The highest risk was still for children of parents who had diabetes themselves, the study found. There was no additional risk for children of mothers who were obese on top of having diabetes.

33%

The study found kids had a 33 per cent increased risk for childhood diabetes when their mothers were obese in the first trimester.

Type 1 diabetes is usually found in children and young people — a chronic condition caused when the pancreas does not produce insulin to control blood sugar levels. It requires lifelong insulin treatment, and constitutes about 10 percent of all diabetes cases — though the number is growing. AFP

HEALTH NOTES

Instant self-test HIV kit on sale in Britain

Britain's first legally-approved HIV self-testing kit went on sale online on Monday, promising a result in just 15 minutes with a 99.7 percent accuracy rate.

Developers hope the BioSure HIV Self Test will help identify the estimated 26,000 people in Britain who have HIV but do not yet know.

Early diagnosis reduces the risk of passing the disease on to other people and also raises the success rate of modern treatments, which now make the disease manageable.

The kit reacts to antibodies — proteins made in response to the virus — in a drop of the person's blood, producing two purple lines in the event of a positive diagnosis.

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Canadians may be losing taste for gluten-free foods

After nearly five years of consistent growth and a tripling of sales since 2009, the gluten-free food category declined last year, according to research firm NPD Group.

Many other Canadians have bought into suggestions that a gluten-free lifestyle can offer anyone health benefits, including weight loss.

"As people started to understand the amount of work it requires to actually be truly gluten-free, I think the benefit started to wane a little bit," says Robert Carter of the Robert Carter of the NPD Group.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Bay unveils patriotic threads

FASHION

Pan Am, Parapan Am line has classic varsity look

Track star Jessica Zelinka and champion para-swimmer Benoit Huot were among the athletes modelling the new collection unveiled by Hudson's Bay Co. on Wednesday in Toronto, the host city for the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.

The retailer, promoting the threads in a lookbook featuring swimmer Katerine Savard and Judoka Sergio Pessoa Jr., was inspired by the Canadian flag's 50th anniversary. The maple leaf symbol was used as a starting point for graphics throughout the line. The 22-piece collection is red and white accented with grey, black and gold.

The line bears similarities to classic varsity sport, while also paying homage to the athleisure trend with garments suitable for both physical activity and everyday casual wear.

The Canada wordmark in a rounded font is prominently displayed on T-shirts, as well as vertically on half-zip jackets and pant legs.

Swimmer Katerine Savard and judoka Sergio Pessoa Jr. (bottm left) model the Canadian Pan Am Games uniforms. HUDSON'S BAY/ CONTRIBUTED

Zip-up red jackets and windbreakers feature the Maple Leaf with stripes on the sleeves.

A red-and-white fringed rally scarf includes the words En Garde (on guard) in bold white block lettering.

With the exception of a few items, the clothing the athletes will wear will all be produced in Canada.

The replica garments for consumers, however, will be manufactured offshore.

The clothing, priced from $30 to $140, is now available in Hudson's Bay stores and online.

The retailer has also designed two limited-edition collections that will be carried in select stores beginning June 1.

Canada is fielding its largest-ever Pan Am Games team of 700 athletes and has set a goal of finishing second in the medals — behind the U.S. — with 160.

Some 6,600 athletes from 41 countries are scheduled to compete in 36 Pan Am sports — including 28 Olympic sports — plus 15 Parapan Am sports.

Toronto and the surrounding area will play host to the Pan Ams from July 10-26. The Parapan Am Games will follow the Pan Ams, running Aug. 7-15. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Showing off their stretch marks

BEAUTY

Two moms and an Instagram account are changing body image attitudes

Karly Vedan was 9 when she first noticed stretch marks popping on her legs.

"I grew pretty tall really fast," she said. "They looked really creepy, like something scratched my knees."

Well, fast forward more than a decade and her lines have lots of company. Before giving birth a year ago to an adorable son, at 35 weeks into her pregnancy, lines had taken over her tummy.

"At first I was just kind of scared," said the 21-year-old Canadian student in Edmonton, Alta. "It looked so weird, like I had a bunch of spider veins all over my stomach ... I asked my doctor about it and they said those are just stretch marks, don't worry about it."

She heeded that advice and was overjoyed a few months back when she stumbled on an Instagram campaign urging other women to do the same.

Karly Vedan, 21, shows off her stretch marks on the beach. She's found a community of other women who embrace their unique marks through Love Your Lines. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ONLINE

A sharing space

Love Your Lines has become a rally call for body positivity.

With the promise of anonymity to all who want it, women from around the world are pouring out their seemingly sincerest joys, anxieties and despair over their marks, loose postpartum bellies and battle wounds from valiant fights against cancer.

The effort that has resonated with Vedan and hundreds of other women was started about seven months ago by moms Alex Elle, a writer, and Erika Layne Salazar, a photographer. Aptly dubbed Love Your Lines, they put up an Instagram account of that name and spread the word for one and all to email them photos of their stretch marks and how they feel about them, especially in relation to today's idealized standards of skinny, unmarred perfection.

Swamped with images, they're still going strong, giving birth to the popular hashtag LoveYourLines used by posters showing off their own marks on Instagram, Tumblr and elsewhere across social media.

Setting the effort apart from other woman power and esteem-boosting campaigns is the fact that Elle and Salazar transform each image into high-art black and white as a way to avoid distraction from the marks themselves and the stories behind them.

"For me, Love Your Lines was a way to make women feel safe about their bodies," said Elle, in Rockville, Md. "We wanted a platform where women could be themselves. Initially it was just going to be a fine art photography collection where I would be interviewing the women and Erika would be taking the photos. Then it just kind of went crazy."

Some contributors, like Vedan, have allowed themselves to be identified by the posting of their traceable Instagram handles. Others, like a recent nameless submission, have spoken of suicide.

"No man will love me or choose me when there are so many beautiful & lovely women out there," wrote one who submitted a close up of her belly and identified herself as a childless 24-year-old. "I will never be at peace with my lines. My body issues consume me at every waking moment."

Nearly 300 people, at the urging of Elle and Salazar in an accompanying comment, have offered her comments of love and encouragement.

"I feel like we're coming into a time where women are starting to accept that they're beautiful, flaws and all. We're so much more alike than we think," said Elle.

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Batman gets a costume upgrade

DC COMICS

Bruce Wayne retired, but may reprise role as superhero

Move over, Bruce Wayne: There's going to be a new Batman fighting crime in Gotham City for DC Comics, and instead of a cape, he'll wear a manga-style suit of armour.

The creators of Batman are dethroning Wayne and bringing in a new Dark Knight as DC Comics begins to gear up for the annual Free Comic Book Day giveaways.

Author Scott Snyder and artist Greg Capullo won't say who will wear the armoured cowl in Batman #41, but say this is one of those stories that "changes all the pieces on the table."

"The character we're putting under the cowl never expected it, never saw it coming and never set out to be Batman," Snyder said. "It comes out of left field, and he realizes that he's the only one that can make it make sense."

Wayne ends his run as Batman following a climactic battle with his archenemy the Joker in the appropriately named storyline Endgame, but it doesn't mean he's gone for good, said Snyder (he has relinquished his role as Batman twice before).

"He might not be under the cowl when the story starts but his presence will be a big part of the story and shape it," Snyder said.

Capullo said in addition to a suit of armour, Batman will wear another uniform underneath that's used when armour may be too bulky.

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TELEVISION

Billy Corgan to write wrestling storylines

Smashing Pumpkins frontman Billy Corgan was this week named senior producer of a professional wrestling program and said he would try to push boundaries on cultural issues.

The alternative rock icon will develop characters and write storylines for Impact Wrestling, a weekly television show that airs on the channel Destination America.

Corgan is a lifelong fan of professional wrestling, which employs staged fights for theatrical television programming, and in 2011 founded a promotion company for bouts in his native Chicago.

Corgan, in an interview with the entertainment magazine Variety, said that he would "break new ground" in how professional wrestling addresses contemporary issues.

"I think there's an endless supply of things in our culture where people are dealing with race or with gender, et cetera, and you can get into these things in a way that is both revelatory and enlightening," he said.

Professional wrestling historically has not been known for its subtlety, with industry leader World Wrestling Entertainment in its heyday in the 1980s known especially for casting foreign characters in stereotypical lights.

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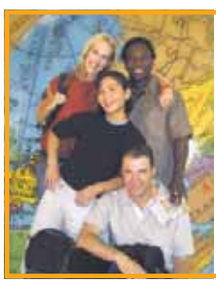

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Drew not having this baby weight nonsense

Two-time mom and longtime actress Drew Barrymore has had it up to here with the focus on how quickly new Hollywood moms can drop the old baby weight.

"It takes nine months to build, and it is going to take at least nine months to unbuild. It took a year for me to snap back, and I am not even there yet," she tells Radar Online. "These pressures are just silly and ridiculous. It think it is just crazy to worry about that."

So, you know, stop making everybody look bad, Blake Lively and Zoe Saldana. Sheesh.

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SEQUEL

Bieber hones his Blue Steel for Zoolander 2

Ben Stiller confirmed a big cameo on Instagram. CONTRIBUTED

I was really getting excited about the upcoming Zoolander sequel, but now? I don't know. Ben Stiller confirmed via an Instagram pose-off that Justin Bieber will be making a cameo in the film.

And while no details were provided about his character, I can't help but notice a striking resemblance between the two. And, you know, Derek Zoolander did have an infant son at the end of the first film — one with some Blue Steel talents of his own. Bieber could totally pass for 15, right? Except that role is already taken by actual teenager Cyrus Arnold. So maybe Papa Zoolander has another, slightly older son he wasn't previously aware of?

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THE 'ULTIMATE ORGANIC ICE CREAM,' TAKING TINSELTOWN TO TASK

Got breast milk? Why yes, this ice cream does

As the world stands by for the birth of Prince George's little sibling, a breastfeeding crusader and an ice cream maker are hoping to titillate taste buds with a new breast milk-flavoured dessert.

Pitched as the "ultimate organic ice cream," Royal Baby Gaga, produced by London-based ice creamery The Licktators, is being relaunched to coincide with the birth.

The ice cream is made with donated breast milk, which producers say is screened in line with hospital standards, and blended with Madagascan vanilla. Campaigner Victoria Hiley, 30, is aiming to promote the health benefits of breast milk and destigmatize the act of breastfeeding in public. AFP

Kristen Stewart slams 'disgustingly sexist' Hollywood

Former Twilight star Kristen Stewart is speaking out about the institutionalized sexism in the entertainment industry, telling Harper's Bazaar U.K. that "women inevitably have to work a little bit harder to be heard. Hollywood is disgustingly sexist. It's crazy. It's so offensive, it's crazy."

And that's not all she has a problem with. Stewart also takes issue with people who see fame as a career goal. "Fame is the worst thing in the world. Especially if it's pointless," she says. "When people say, 'I want to be famous' — why? You don't do anything." NED EHRBAR/METRO

Alba is all business — deal with it

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Jessica Alba is one tough businesswoman. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

CORPORATE STYLE

Honest Co. actress says she's made people cry

Ned Ehrbar In Hollywood

You don't build a $1-billion company without bruising a few egos. When Jessica Alba branched out into the business world with the Honest Company, she admits she may have approached things a bit too aggressively.

"Sometimes, I'm a little more iron fist than velvet glove. I'm straight to the point. I've made people cry," Alba tells MORE magazine about her leadership style. "I have to say, 'This isn't personal. This is what needs to get done and it's just as simple as that. And … we're not crying anymore.'"

But no one likes tears in a corporate setting, right? "I'm learning to tone myself down," says Alba, who also admits in the interview that her mother calls her "a workaholic control freak." Careful, mom, or she'll make you cry, too.

Speaking of potentially contentious parent-child relationships, the interviewer quizzes Alba on what effect having two successful careers has on the development of her two children.

"You don't really know how (your career) is affecting (your kids) until they're adults and they say, 'You ruined my life, Mom!'" she offers. "Maybe they want me to be a stay-at-home mother who bakes chocolate-chip muffins all day. (But) I'd probably want to start a chocolate-chip muffin company, you know?"

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Your essential daily news

A cheese fondue inspired designer Satsuki Ohata to create the Fondue Stool.

That '70s style: era comes back

DESIGN CENTRE
Karl Lohnes

Bold wallpaper, brass metallics, psychedelic patterns, shag carpeting, anything handcrafted (think macramé) and tech-inspired plastic furniture inspire a trend 40 years in the making.

1 Overarching Floor Lamp with Brass Finish
The perfect lamp to accompany a groovy sectional sofa. $329, WestElm.com

2 Lawrence Llewlyn-Bowen's Kinky Vintage Flocked Velvet Wallpaper
Bring your sexy back. $125/roll, GrahamBrown.com

3 Magical Thing's Macramé Wall Hanging
Hung over a doorway or a window, makes macramé a true '70s legend. $169, UrbanOutfitters.com

4 Jorg Boner's Oyster Collection
Modu1lar, sleek and very cool. From $1,550, AvenueRoad.com

5 Scavo Dinnerware
The look of handmade affordable style. From $4, CrateAndBarrel.com

6 Kartell's Componibili Table
The perfect side table or storage cabinet for the bath. $216, Elte.com

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Kitsch becomes cool

TRENDS

Eye-catching colours and shapes show retro spirit

Between flashy colours, bold shapes and mass-produced materials, the kitsch furniture trend combines a touch of retro style with unbridled exuberance.

The Colonna and Pilastre stools and Calice vase by Ettore Sottsass, produced by Kartell. KARTELL

Shimmer

For Glas Italia, Spanish designer Patricia Urquiola has created the Shimmer line, which includes coffee tables, shelves and mirrors with an iridescent multi-chromatic finish.

Available in opaque or transparent glass, the pieces change color depending on the viewing angle and surrounding light sources (pricing available on request).

Memphis

Founded in the 1980s by Italian designer Ettore Sottsass, the Memphis Movement emphasized radically colourful and festive designs, representing a radical departure from the rigorous minimalism of the Bauhaus tradition.

At the Milan Furniture Fair, Kartell paid tribute to Ettore Sottsass through an exhibit and announced it would produce a series of his designs — including stools, a vase and a lamp — all characterized by geometric shapes and flashy colours (pricing available on request).

Glider

For Moroso, Israeli designer and architect Ron Arad designed the Glider, a rounded sofa made from a single piece of sculpted foam and upholstered in red-to-purple gradient fabric for an out-of-this-world appearance (pricing available on request).

Gemma

Also for Moroso, Polish-American architect Daniel Libeskind designed the Gemma armchair, a multi-faceted object that calls to mind a gemstone, or the geometrical shapes seen in the tapestries of the 15th century (pricing available on request).

Mondrian-inspired seating

Dutch designer Marcel Wanders designed an armchair in red, blue, yellow and white foam for the design brand Moooi. With its black outlines, the chair calls to mind the work of the Dutch painter Piet Mondrian (pricing available on request).

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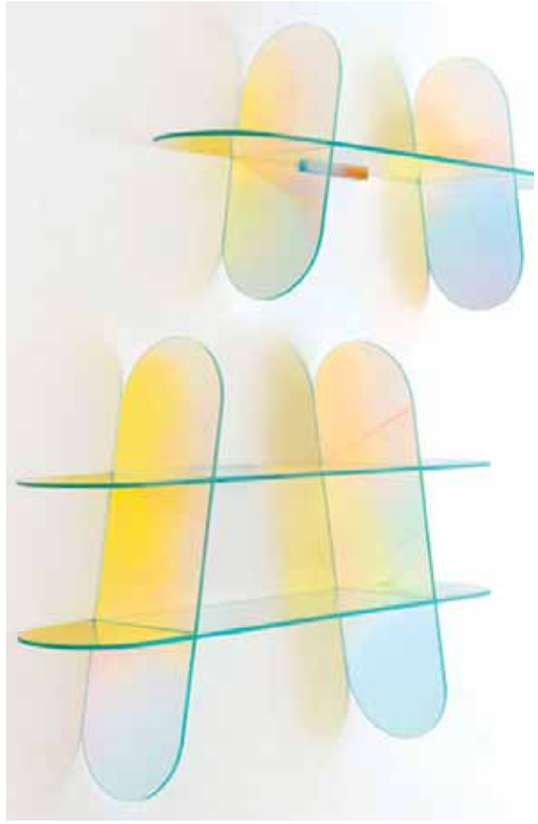

Shelves from the Shimmer collection by Patricia Urquiola for Glas Italia. GLAS ITALIA

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4 PUNCHY PIECES WITH A FRENCH CONNECTION

The Milan Furniture Fair, one of the world's biggest events in interior decorating and design, wrapped up earlier this week, after inspiring designers from all over. Here's a look at the latest creations from French designers. **AFP**

1 Ronan and Erwan Bouroullec

The brothers, based in Brittany, France, presented their Officina collection, created a series of tables and chairs in collaboration with Italian design house **Magis**. They worked with forged metal to create objects whose imperfect appearance fits the spirit of the design. Ronan Bouroullec adds that "This is a hybrid project in that we use a pretty artisanal technique to create a rather industrial project."

STUDIO BOUROULLEC

2 Bruno Moinard

The man responsible for Cartier's stores and the upcoming Qatari Galeries Lafayette is collaborating with **Chevalier**, specialists in contemporary rugs. He presented New Orleans, five coloured rugs with crosshatched patterns.

CHEVALIER ÉDITION

3 Patrick Jouin

The designer, responsible in part for the restoration of the Plaza Athénée in Paris, presented the modular sofa Social that he designed for **Pedrali**. With straight seats, angled seats and footstools, it allows for multiple configurations.

PEDRALI

4 Christophe Pillet

With Turkish brand **Enne**, Christophe Pillet created vibrant-coloured transparent side tables, along with much simpler wooden ones dressed in white.

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ALBERTA EMERALD AWARDS

Balancing development with environment

The 24th Annual Emerald Awards, that recognize and celebrate dozens of environmental leaders across the province, will be presented on June 4 at the Citadel Theatre in Edmonton.

From big energy producers to small entrepreneurs, the Alberta Emerald Awards showcase projects that demonstrate environmental excellence and set an example for everyone across the province.

Since 1992, the Emerald Awards, administered by the Alberta Emerald Foundation, has shared more than 2,500 examples of creative thinking and innovation in environmental management systems, technologies and education programs. By celebrating this excellence, the Alberta Emerald Foundation is helping to raise public's awareness of the tremendous growth in these different areas in recent years.

Every year, the Alberta Emerald Foundation receives nominations in 10 established cross-sectoral categories. A panel of knowledgeable third-party judges with experience in a variety of different sectors get together to review the stacks of nominations. The panel chooses a maximum of three nominees in each of the eight Emerald Award categories as finalists. Only one per category will take home the award.

"Every year the Emerald's tell the stories of our most beloved and cherished Albertans, our environmental stewards," says Raquel (Rocky) Feroe, three-year Emerald Award judge. "The Emerald Awards are a great way for anyone with a love for our province to learn from our best."

The Emerald Awards recognize and reward outstanding environmental initiatives undertaken by individuals, not-for-profit associations, large and small corporations, community groups and governments from across Alberta.

"We are the only Foundation in the country to recognize the important work of environmental leaders across all sectors," says Alan Ross, Chair of the Board, Alberta Emerald Foundation. "By honouring and elevating the ingenuity, dedication and hard work of these individuals and organizations, we inspire others to follow their example, benefiting all Albertans with a healthier and cleaner environment."

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Since its inception 23 years ago, the Emerald Awards has recognized more than 450 finalists and 250 recipients. Over the years, each of the organizations or individuals nominated, made a finalist or awarded a winner of an Emerald Award has, in their own unique and individual way, helped Alberta balance its growth and resource development with the preservation of our environment.

In the face of new and increasing pressures on landscapes across the province, the Alberta Emerald Foundation aims to be the catalyst to raise the expectations and performance of environmental stewardship.

Suncor's fen program one of the world's first

Suncor's Nikanotee Fen program is one of the first fen watersheds to be constructed anywhere in the world. A fen, also known as muskeg or peatland, is the most common type of wetland in Alberta's northern boreal forest region.

Before oil sands mining began in the Wood Buffalo region, fens covered about half the area.

The fen is a specific type of wetland in which decaying vegetation accumulates as 'peat.' Working with a number of researchers at universities across North America, Suncor was one of the first companies in the world to attempt to reconstruct this type of wetland. Many fen or bog peatlands have been restored by fixing water flows disturbed by ditching or roads, but Suncor is one of the only organizations in the world to try to reconstruct this very sophisticated ecosystem from the ground up. Construction of the fen's underlying watershed was completed in January 2013. Planting vegetation followed that spring.

The reclamation specialists working on designing, constructing and monitoring the different phases of the program have gained a lot of knowledge. And, that information is being shared throughout the oil and gas industry, the region and globally by attending conferences, having scientific papers published in peer-reviewed journals and providing updates to guidance documents.

By sharing the information about the Nikanotee Fen program Suncor is helping advance the science behind the reclamation of wetlands and encouraging even more innovation in fen and wetland reclamation.

"Continual improvement in oil sands reclamation practices is one part of our overall vision of responsible development that ensures a healthy environment for today and tomorrow," says Christine Daly, senior sustainability advisor, land & reclamation at Suncor.

"After almost a decade of university-led research and design, Suncor has recently established the conditions for the most common wetland in our region — the fen. Fens play an important role in our region by sequestering greenhouse gases in their peat reservoirs, reducing the risk of floods, improving water quality and providing habitat for unique plants and animals."

Suncor is deeply committed to returning land to a natural state for future generations.

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Do It Green: Take fun and practical steps

Do It Green (DIG) has turned its "love for greening festivals" into a thriving Alberta business. The social enterprise empowers people to "take fun and practical steps" to do their part to contribute to the health of the community.

DIG officially launched in August 2013, in part to help manage the waste at the Alberta Flood Aid benefit concert at McMahon Stadium in Calgary. The organization specializes in creating zero-waste events and it offers a wide range of environmental programming, including composting and recycling programs as well as mobile water stations.

"Last year, we greened over 50 special events including Calgary Stampede, Comic Expo and Calgary Marathon," says Leor Rotchild, President and Co-founder of DIG. "We reached more than two million people with our environmental outreach programs and diverted more than 10 metric tons away from the landfill."

DIG is just getting started. The organization is committed to delivering on its mission is to reach 16 million people through waste, water and energy awareness programs and divert 100 metric tons of waste away from the landfill by 2020.

Being a finalist for the Emerald Awards "is the first time DIG's work has been recognized outside of Calgary. For us, this is an encouraging boost to keep us progressing towards our mission."

The Emerald Awards and other events that celebrate environmental achievements are "a great way for leaders in this area to meet and learn about other best practices in the field," he says. "The environmental sector has grown to become a major contributor to the economy as well as the health of our communities."

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Speaking of community, DIG has lot of opportunities for people in the community to pitch in and help them out as they take their zero-waste work to events such as the Calgary Marathon, Food Truck Frenzy, and World Partnership Walk.

DIG has partnered with the Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology (CAWST) and will donate one per cent of all its gross revenue to the innovative non-profit water organization.

"It's a great honour to be a finalist for the Emerald Awards and be recognized among many others we respect and look up to in the environmental sector," says Rotchild.

Improving ecologies in your community

Verge Permaculture educating thousands

For seven years, Verge Permaculture has been helping people across Canada regenerate landscapes, build topsoil and improve ecologies in their communities.

Through their accredited Permaculture Design Courses, the company has helped educate thousands of people across the country, teaching the basics of permaculture — a system for designing everything from a back yard to a business. A permaculture design framework provides the concepts, tools, techniques and strategies to create sustainable human environments, covering shelter, energy, waste, water and food production.

The term dates back to the 1970s when Australian researchers working in agriculture coined the term permaculture to mean "permanent agriculture." They soon realized social aspects were also integral to a sustainable system so they expanded the meaning of the term to include "permanent culture."

But several decades later, when Rob and Michelle Avis left their jobs as oil and gas engineers with a vision of providing real-world solutions to create more sustainable homes, resilient communities and a healthy ecosystem, the term still wasn't well known.

"The idea of permaculture just didn't exist in Alberta," says Rob Avis, president of Verge Permaculture. "But now it's not uncommon for me to see things like RFPs with the word permaculture on it, so the city of Calgary is actively trying to seek consultants and landscape architects and individuals that can help bring that kind of thinking into the way that we design our cities."

In their garden and demonstration site for applied sustainability techniques, the Avis' reuse about 20,000 litres of rainwater every year. And they help their clients develop sustainable designs for homes, yards, businesses, communities, rural homestead or farms.

Verge Permaculture collects and examines different metrics to determine the effect the company is having. They look at how their students are using the information and what businesses have started or changed to employ the permaculture framework.

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"When we heard that we were nominated for an Emerald Award that was another of those little metrics, it was like the cherry on the cake," says Avis. "I was really excited. And it's really given us additional motivation to continue pioneering in the field."

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Flames don't care for unfavourable statistics

NHL PLAYOFFS

Ducks pose a seasoned team that's backed by numbers

Stats, shmats. Analytics, shmanalytics. The Calgary Flames bucked odds and defied expectations en route to the second round of NHL playoffs.

The Ducks are heavily favoured to beat the Flames in their Western Conference semifinal starting Thursday in Anaheim. The Flames intend to keep thumbing their noses at those who think their lightning is about to leave the bottle.

"We're not worried about the stats," Flames forward Michael Ferland said. "We just want to go there and be the harder-working team for sure and let our feet and bodies do the talking."

> **We're going to rile each other up and throw everything we have at them.**
> Matt Stajan

Game 2 is Sunday at the Honda Centre before the series heads to Calgary next week.

The Flames face a heavier, deeper, harder-to-the-net team than the Vancouver Canucks they beat in the first round.

Going six games against the Canucks moved the needle on Calgary's lack of playoff experience with eight players getting their first taste.

The Ducks are more seasoned in the post-season having qualified four of the last five years. Captain Ryan Getzlaf, winger Corey Perry and defenceman Francois Beauchemin won a Stanley Cup in 2007.

Calgary made the NHL playoffs for the first time in six years and got beyond the first round for the first time in 11.

Anaheim topped the Pacific Division and earned the top seed in the Western Conference with 51 wins, compared to Calgary's 45. Anaheim's average weight is 207 pounds, while Calgary's is 195.4.

POND PLIGHT

For the Flames to extend their Cinderella season, they need to solve the hostile Honda Centre, where Calgary hasn't won a regular season game since 2004.

The Flames won a playoff game there in 2006, but lost the other two as well as Game 7 to the Ducks at the Saddledome.

The Ducks won three of five meetings with the Flames this past season, including both games at the Honda Centre in Anaheim. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

"Here's probably one of the best teams in the NHL, if not the best team when you look at stats, when you ask any expert or people around the game," Flames head coach Bob Hartley said. "They're big and they're fast.

"We have big hearts. We have no fear. We've showed it all year. We're solid. You might bend us, but you're not going to break us."

Calgary doubled the Ducks 6-3 in the last regular-season meeting March 11, but Anaheim won three of five meetings overall including both at home.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Lightning strike down Red Wings

Braydon Coburn broke a scoreless tie early in the third period and Ben Bishop made 31 saves to help the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Detroit Red Wings 2-0 on Wednesday night in Game 7 of the first-round series.

Tampa Bay, which rallied from a 3-2 series deficit, advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinals against Montreal. The Canadiens host Game 1 on Friday night.

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Lightning centre Cedric Paquette brings down the Red Wings' Danny DeKeyser, Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Ovechkin, Price, Tavares named Hart finalists

Washington forward Alex Ovechkin, Montreal goalie Carey Price and New York Islanders forward John Tavares are the finalists for the Hart Memorial Trophy as the NHL's player most valuable player.

Members of the Professional Hockey Writers' Association submitted ballots at the end of the regular season. The winner will be announced June 24 during the league's awards ceremony. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Impact contained by Club America in CONCACAF final

Dario Benedetto scored three goals and Oribe Peralta added another as Club America of Mexico ended the Montreal Impact's CONCACAF Champions League dream with a 4-2 victory on Wednesday night.

Club America, after a 1-1 draw in the first leg last week, won the two-game aggregate goals final 5-3.

Montreal was the first-ever Canadian team to make it to the Champions League final. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hawks hold off Nets to take 3-2 series lead

Al Horford and Jeff Teague scored 20 points apiece, helping the top-seeded Atlanta Hawks hold off the Brooklyn Nets 107-97 Wednesday night in an NBA playoff series that's closer than anyone envisioned.

Atlanta leads 3-2 in the best-of-seven series, which heads back to Brooklyn for Game 6 Friday night. The Hawks can wrap it up, but the eighth-seeded Nets seem intent on taking it to the limit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE

O's beat ChiSox in empty stadium

The cheers from the small group of Orioles fans gathered outside the locked gates beyond centre field echoed throughout an empty Camden Yards every time the home team scored a run.

There was no roar of the crowd inside the ballpark on this surreal day.

In what was believed to be the first major-league game played without fans in attendance, Chris Davis hit a three-run homer in a six-run first inning Wednesday and the Baltimore Orioles beat the Chicago White Sox 8-2.

"It was kind of like instructional league, Gulf Coast League, Arizona League," Orioles manager Buck Showalter said of the lack of fans.

The game was closed to fans out of concern for their safety following recent rioting in Baltimore after 25-year-old Freddie Gray died in police custody.

> **A game with no fans, but they were out at the hotel. You could see on the balcony, you could hear them outside the gates.**
> Orioles centre-fielder Adam Jones

The unusual decision to play the game was made because it was the best time to fill out the schedule for both teams.

Baltimore won its third straight since snapping a five-game losing streak.

"It was just a surreal environment," White Sox manager Robin Ventura said. "I really don't think we want to play in another one like this. I don't think they do either."

Ubaldo Jimenez (2-1) continued his rebound from last season's struggles, allowing two runs — one earned — on three hits with six strikeouts and just one walk over seven innings. Manny Machado hit his fourth home run among his three hits and Caleb Joseph had a pair of RBIs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RECIPE Chicken and Cheese Tortellini with Pesto

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This is a delicious and tasty meal for the entire family. Tortellini is a favourite for even the pickiest of children. The chicken gives them the protein they need, and most kids like pesto especially if you add extra Parmesan cheese.

Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes
Serving size: 4

Ingredients
- 4 oz boneless chicken breast (about 1 breast)
- 12 oz tortellini
- 1/3 cup pesto
- 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese

Directions

1. In a small, nonstick skillet lightly coated with cooking spray, add the chicken and sauté for 4 minutes per side or just until no longer pink. Let cool, then dice.

2. Meanwhile, boil the tortellini for 8 minutes or until just tender. Drain and place in a serving bowl. Add the chicken, pesto and Parmesan cheese and toss well.

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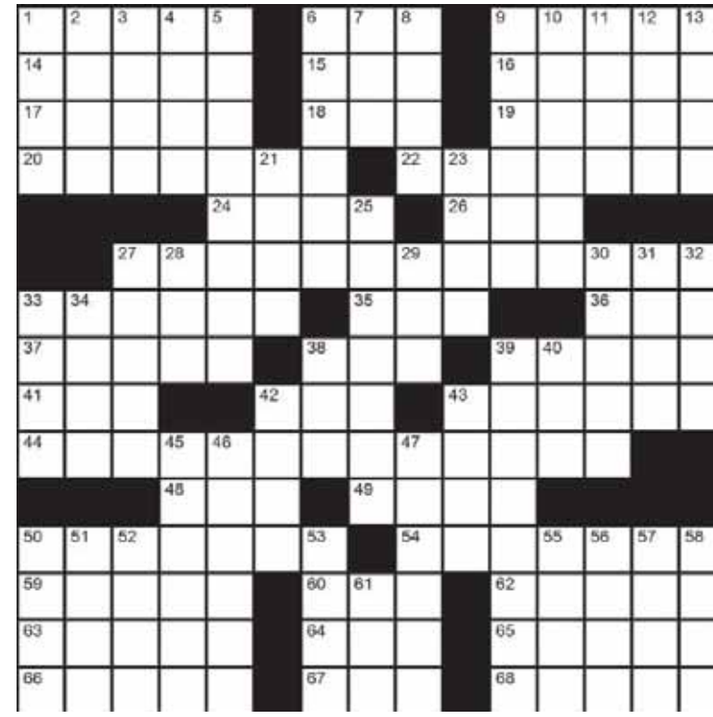

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39. Outspoken
41. Ms. DiFranco
42. Poet's 'previously'
43. Support
44. Stag: 2 wds.
48. Ocean, e.g.
49. __ sign (Real estate posting)
50. Has ambitions
54. "The Wedding __" (2001) starring Jennifer Lopez
59. As per #39-Down... Nia's character
60. Coffee alternative
62. Depart
63. Well-__ machine
64. Listener
65. Hall & __
66. Today's __ (Canadian magazine for which #27-Across is the Editor-in-Chief)
67. "Tsk!"
68. Like the empty wallet's money

DOWN
1. Bric-a-__
2. Scottish lake
3. Quant _ __ (For my part, in French)
4. Hasbro toy brand
5. Tossed fun celebrating the newlyweds
6. Henna-on-hands artwork
7. Entirely
8. Spike show, "Lip __ Battle"
9. Ms. Martin, portrayer of #59-Across' aunt
10. Attired
11. Idea: French
12. Wedding guests compilation
13. The __ Coast
21. Belonging to Toronto's li'l province
23. Other: Spanish
25. Some catering staff
27. General
28. Nav. designation
29. TTFN
30. Fortunate
31. Biblical twin
32. Puppy's protest!
33. Fashion designer Elie
34. Moon goddess
38. 'Ranch' suffix
39. Nia __, Canadian writer/star of "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" (2002)
40. Libran's mo.
42. Montreal pronoun
43. Grand event
45. Heralded
46. _-__ (Online brokerage company)
47. Andy†Warhol's realm: 2 wds.
50. Getting from _ __ _ (First step's progress)
51. Evening: French
52. Dog with a cord-like coat
53. Proofreading term
55. Tide type
56. Decorator Mr. Berkus
57. __-steven
58. Inactivity
61. Water: French

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
A problem will most likely resolve itself if you stop worrying about it so much. Mercury's imminent change of sign will help you to focus your thoughts on more constructive issues.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You have come a long way in a short space of time and will go even further over the next few weeks. But first make sure you are still on the right track. Don't lose sight of your long-term goals.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Your ruler Mercury moves into your sign tomorrow and within a matter of hours you will feel the difference in a number of ways. Put the past behind you once and for all and focus only on the bright days to come, of which there will be many.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
No matter what happens today you must remember at all times and in all situations that you are not a victim. You alone have the power to change things for the better. Be positive at every turn.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
For too long now you have been worrying about your career, your reputation and your place in the world and neglecting the things that bring you happiness, such as friends and family and travel. It's time to restore a more sensible balance.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Career matters will take a turn for the better over the next few days but to make the most of events you will need a positive attitude. Get rid of those feelings of inferiority.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Despite what some people might believe you rarely think only of yourself and you will get the chance to prove it over the next two or three days. You are at your best when fighting on the side of truth and justice. But always fight fair.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may resent having to pay for something that you feel is yours by right but don't make an issue of it. If you manage to change things you may find others deny you in other ways out of spite.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
A dispute of some kind will come to the boil over the next few days but in a way that's good because all these negative feelings are not doing you any favours. Once the air has cleared you can move on again.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
It is one thing to dream but quite another to turn dreams into reality. Start thinking now about how you can take practical steps to make your current dream come true.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
It does not matter how many things have gone wrong in the past, the things that really matter will start to go right as from tomorrow when mind planet Mercury moves in your favour. Believe that life is worth living – and it will be.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
If you have something important to say you are advised to keep it short and sweet. The people you have to deal with, especially at work, will lose interest quickly if you spin things out too long.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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